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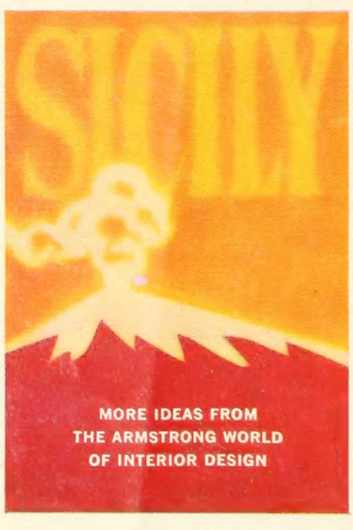


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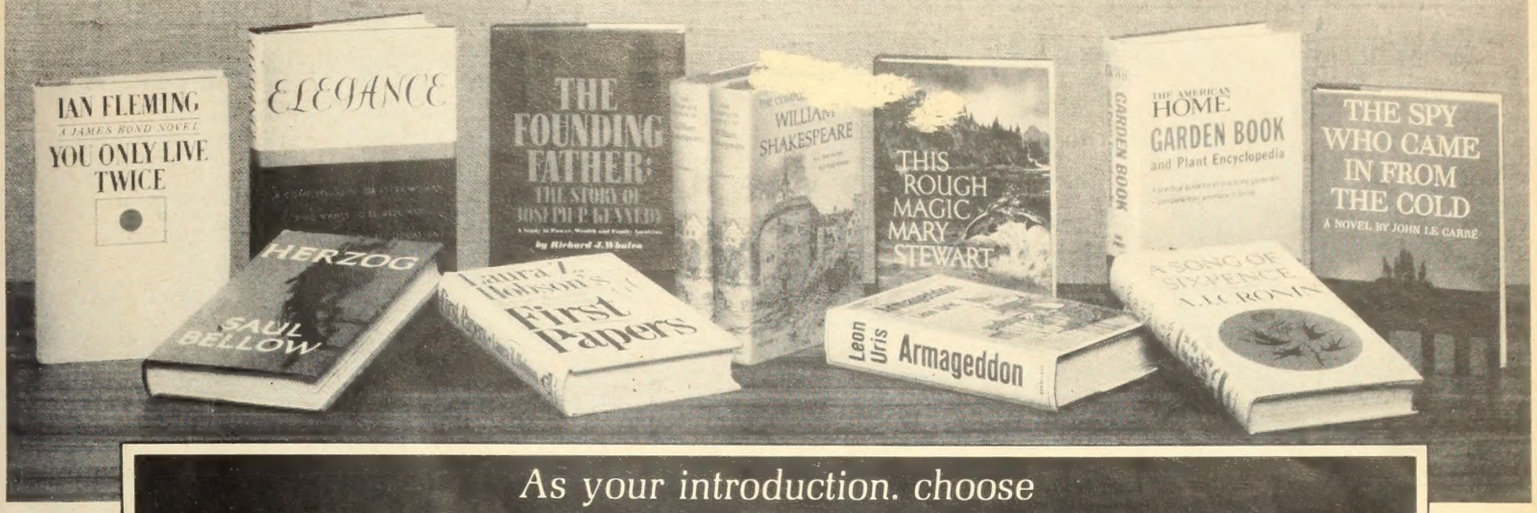
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On the cover: The great library of the King's Suite, on the second floor of Blair House, 1651 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., is really two rooms in one. This is the fireplace end, and it constitutes a center for high-level conferences or conversation when a chief of state is in residence as guest of the President and the nation. Marble mantel with caryatids, bronze Argand lamps, Queen Anne chairs were all originally in the house. Woodwork was also there. Walls have been newly painted in rich red and glazed with umber. The Savonnerie rug was made in France for this room and is, of course, enormous. This is but one of the more than thirty rooms of the combined Blair and Lee Houses that together serve the President and the Secretary of State as residence headquarters for visiting world leaders or for other top-level diplomatic purposes. A dedicated committee of government figures (including Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Mrs. John F. Kennedy, Mrs. Dean Rusk and all the other Cabinet wives, with Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke, wife of the Chief of Protocol, as chairman) and private citizens provided momentum and contributed both money and personal effort. The entire redecoration program has been carried out under the day-to-day supervision of four committee members, Mrs. Harcourt Amory Jr., Mrs. C. Douglas Dillon, Dr. Richard Howland and Mrs. Duke herself. The final result, one that government machinery alone could not have accomplished, is a testament to their dedicated skill. Mrs. Duke's story of Blair House begins on page 88.

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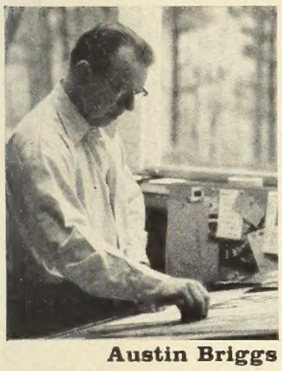
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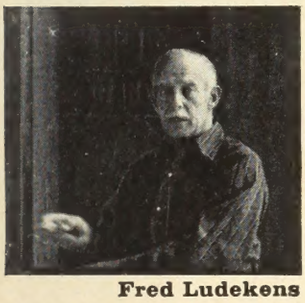

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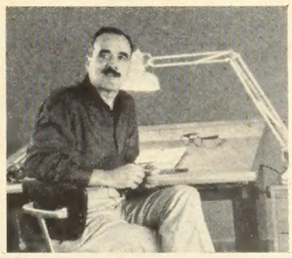

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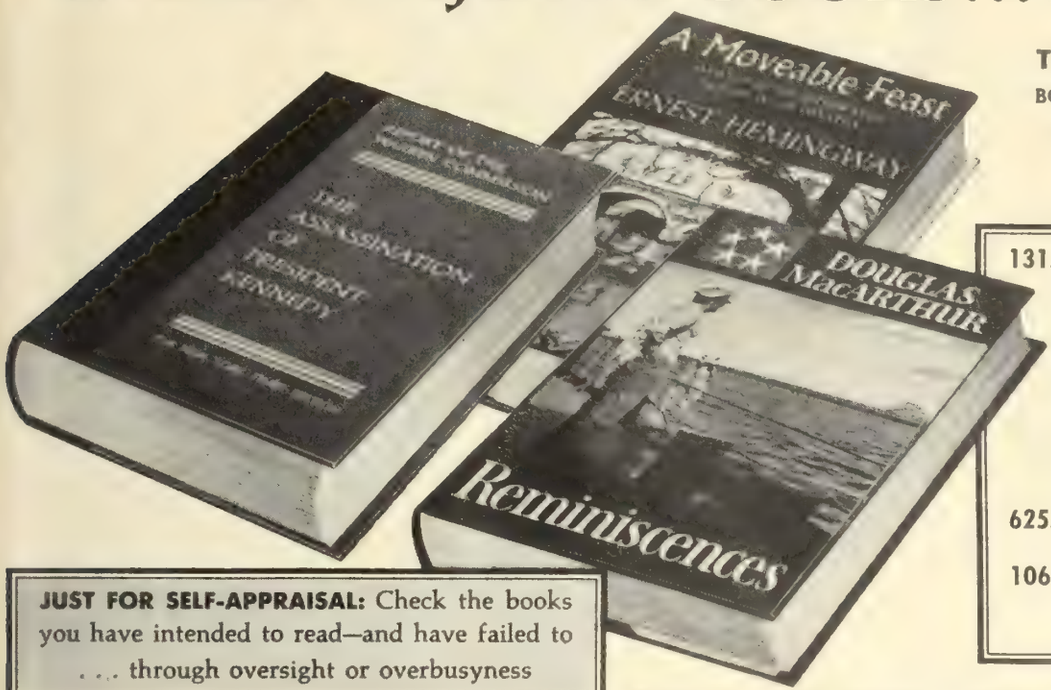
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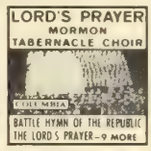


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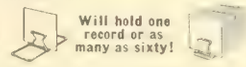
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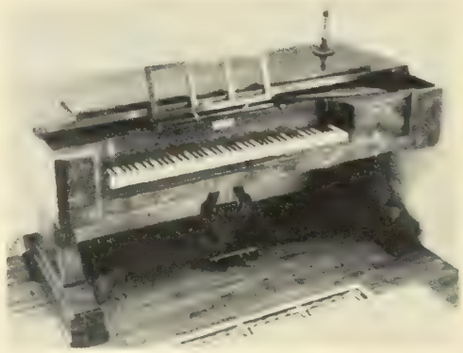
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E. M. C.—Charlotte, N. C.

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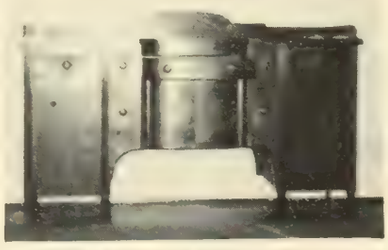


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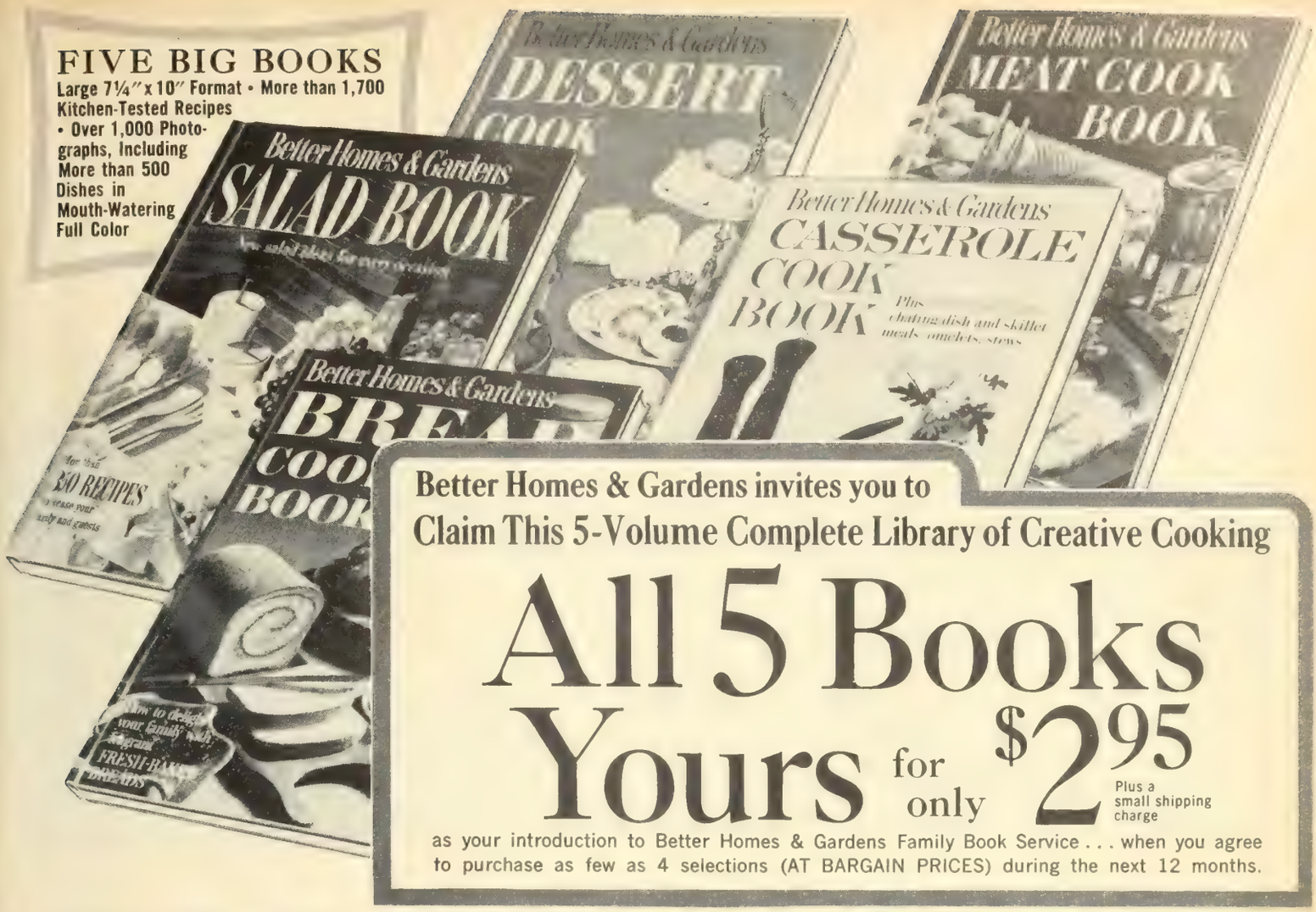
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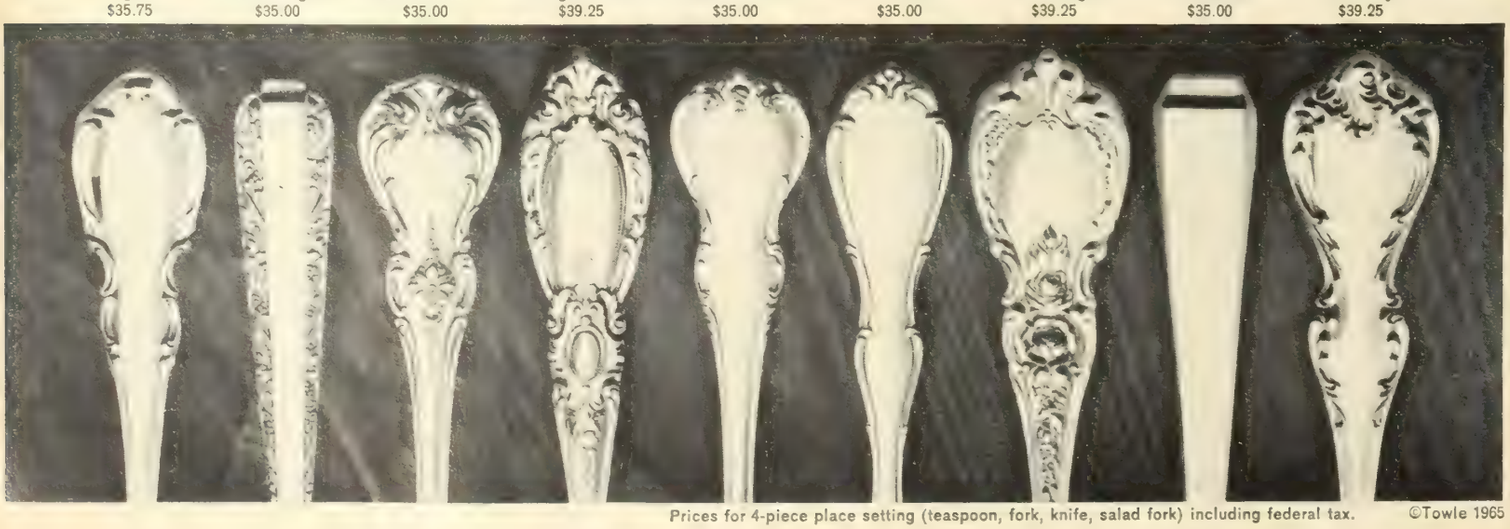
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H.C.W.—Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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FRENCH CHINA MARK

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The factory of Utzschneider & Co., Sarreguemines, Lorraine, France, made your plates after 1919, when Alsace-Lorraine was returned to French sovereignty.



JAPANESE BOWL

I would appreciate any information on this bowl I acquired recently. It is porcelain over copper; most of the figures hold bottles, one holds a fish.

L.M.R.—Corona del Mar, Calif.

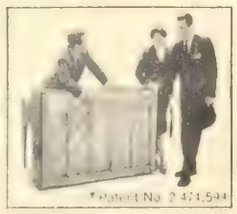
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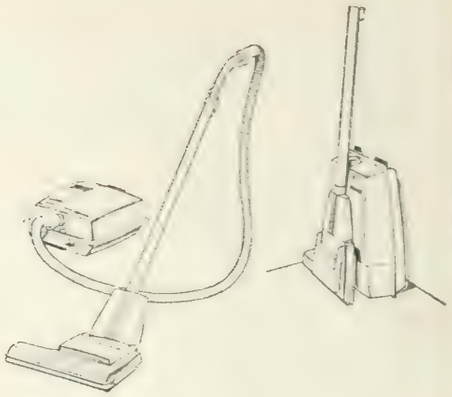
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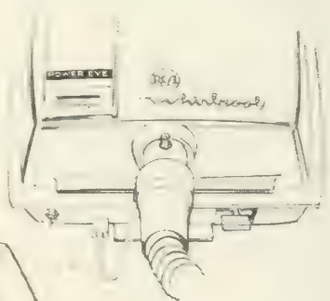


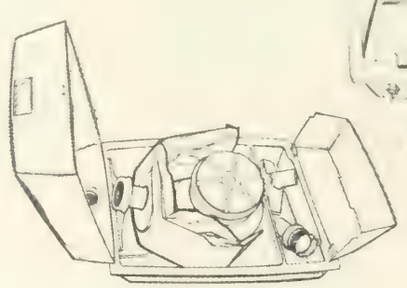
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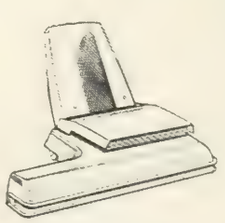
A vacuum cleaner that can give you the best features of both the canister and upright types rates an open-arms welcome in any household. RCA Whirlpool makes a powerful canister vacuum cleaner that has all the regular attachments and cleans like a demon, at two speeds—normal and fast. But in addition, you can get an upright attachment for the canister which has its own motor. As a team, the canister-plus-upright can whisk the most stubborn dirt from the deepest pile rug or carpet. The motor in the upright cleaner drives a revolving brush that flexes nap to release dust; the canister motor provides the strong suction. (Dust is collected only in the canister.) Of durable cast aluminum with baked enamel finish and vinyl guards, both canister and upright stand flat against a closet wall. Canister, $120; upright, $40.

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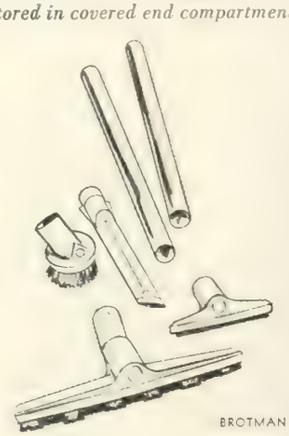




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Wood floors

How to keep them in the prime

The parquet floors in the palace of Versailles probably look better today than they did when they were first laid some 300 years ago. Their patina owes much to sheer age, of course, but just as much to an army of servants who actually skated back and forth on the constantly waxed wood with polishers tied to their feet. This is a wonderful way to maintain a wood floor if you have that many retainers. Lacking them, there are other ways to skin the cat.

If you are moving into a house or apartment with wood floors that have been well kept, try to find out *how* they were kept by the previous owner. A switch from one kind of treatment to another can be risky unless the floor is taken down to a waxless surface—a needless procedure with an already nicely burnished floor. Once you know what kind of wax has been used, and how, you simply repeat the formula—as long as it involves a solvent-base wax. If by any chance a water-base wax has been used, it must come up, and quickly, or the floor, in time, will be ruined. If the floors have never enjoyed any wax at all and are in a deplorable state, you have only one resource—to call in a professional and have the wood scraped right down to the bone. In that case, it's best to also let your man go through all the stages of refinishing: sealing, filling if necessary, varnishing, shellacking or lacquering (if the floor is to be heavily trafficked) and finally, applying the first coat of wax. After that, the floor is yours to nurture. If you are knowledgeable and don't mind hard work, you can, of course, refinish a floor yourself. But it is an arduous task, and rarely as satisfactory in result as one performed by a professional. His fees, incidentally, shouldn't be at all exorbitant.

If you are fortunate enough to inherit a well-finished wood floor, maintaining it is a surface job. You are gilding a lily—a fairly complicated "shell" that began with smoothly sanded wood treated the minute the last bit of dust was swept up with at least two coats of a penetrating sealer. (The expediency in timing is to keep the grain from rising.) Sealers, which sink deeply enough into the grain to become part of the wood itself, are sometimes transparent, sometimes impregnated with color. Some woods are handsome enough to be kept in their natural state and not altered in color or darkened. Others are not, and because the trend of the moment is toward dark, sable-colored floors, stain-laden sealers are very popular. Since a stain alone hardly penetrates the wood at all, a stain-sealer is an excellent way of getting the color fairly deep into the wood—and keeping it there. Time and light darken all woods, but since we can't expect to wait 300 years for a perfect patina, built-in color right from the start is a perfectly agreeable substitute.

Waxing and buffing

Once sealed, a floor that is to be covered with rugs, more or less, or be subjected to a very light traffic pattern, can be waxed immediately. The combination of sealer and wax alone can, in time, produce a beautiful patina. Any bare floor that must hold its own against romping children and a horde of dogs would benefit by a varnished, shellacked or lacquered finish. A good varnish finish is tougher than shellac, more resistant to spilled water (a wood floor's lethal enemy) and less easily scratched. It takes a long time to dry between coats, however, which shellac does not. People in a hurry use shellac. A lacquer finish is a matter of expertise. It dries very quickly and must be applied with great skill to flow evenly. It gives, of course, a hard, brilliant finish.

Whatever your undercoating, once it is thoroughly dry, you should wax it, and here you have your choice of a paste or liquid wax. Paste wax has its advantages—and drawbacks. Combined with elbow grease, it produces a lovely luster that with occasional buffing lasts for three or four months—sometimes longer. The catch is the elbow grease. The old hand-and-knees job was backbreaking, which is why the electric floor polisher was invented. The most modern of these machines both apply the wax and polish in a one-two operation that requires about as much effort as a drawn-out session with a power lawn mower. Still, it will give no one housemaid's knee. Depending on daily care and wear, the job can be done as seldom as once a year, with the old wax removed with turpentine or mineral spirits. (Turpentine comes from a tree, mineral spirits

are petroleum products. Both dissolve wax.) This is a swabbing job that can be done with a squeegee and a mop and a little hands-and-knees work. But for a complete face-lifting, all the old wax must come off if your new coating is to be effective. And don't lay on the new wax with a trowel. Two thin coatings, carefully burnished to a hard, dry brilliance will endure much better than one thick coat—which is too gummy to get dry enough for a high luster, and dangerous to boot. The thicker the wax, the more slippery the floor.

The case for liquid wax

Liquid waxes are easier to apply, and as long as they do not have a water base (such types are only for resilient floorings, never, *never* for wood) are good for the floor and produce a very pleasant gleam. They go on swiftly with a swab on a stick or a squeegee, dry quickly and although some must be buffed, two fairly new versions (see chart, *below*) dry in less than half-an-hour to a tough, glossy, self-polishing finish. The great advantage of all liquid waxes is that they "clean as they go"—they remove the previous coat of wax (which is absorbed into the applicator) as they are being applied. They also ask nothing of the patellae. They do not (since we can't have everything) last as long as paste waxes, and sticklers for silky floors are apt to use the liquid method as often as once a month. Once you have chosen a wax that pleases you, stick to it. Don't try to mix various types.

As for daily upkeep, keep your eye on areas subject to heavy traffic and repair the ravages of spillage or scuffing. A dry mop (no oil!) or the vacuum are all you need for routine cleaning. We repeat: If you can possibly help it, never use water. But if you must (pets and children are often quite cavalier about a highly polished wood floor), work quickly and get the floor as dry as you can as fast as you can. Heavily trafficked areas, naturally, will require more wax more frequently applied than that serene spot under the piano. Keep at them, or you will have a sizable spot bereft of wax and reduced to varnish or shellac—and, in time, not much of either. Then you must patch. Smooth down the worn spot with fine steel wool, patch it with the proper medium (varnish or whatever) and wax it again. If you are skillful, the patch will be fairly unobtrusive or at least less objectionable than a scuffed-up area.

Minor scratches and blemishes can usually be remedied with a brown crayon, a wax stick (softer, easier to work with) or brown shoe polish. A mixture of rottenstone and salad oil will often remove water marks, alcohol stains and white spots of unknown causes if you catch them quickly enough. Once you get the spot off, wax the daylights out of the afflicted area. There are commercial remedies for severe stains, like ink, that work very well. Burns and heat marks, however, like to think they are in to stay (often they are), and will respond to nothing except the kind of refinishing that involves going below the surface of the wood. Unless you are very sure of yourself, call a floor man.

Keeping all the above in mind, you should have no trouble keeping your wood floors in the prime. And since waxes and packaged floor treatments are constantly being improved, here—complete with manufacturers—is a chart of current products arranged in three rosters determined by type.

The first group consists of paste waxes, which must be buffed either with an electric buffer or manually. The second group is liquid waxes that, again, must be buffed. The third group is a duo—two new liquid waxes that, like Group Two, clean as they go, but require no buffing. The exact nature of each product and what it will do are set forth very clearly on the can. Read this character analysis very carefully—it will help you choose—and follow the directions with the pains you would give to baking a new cake.

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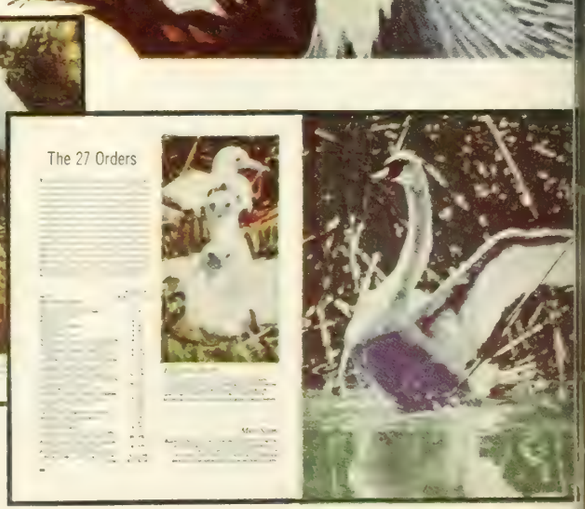
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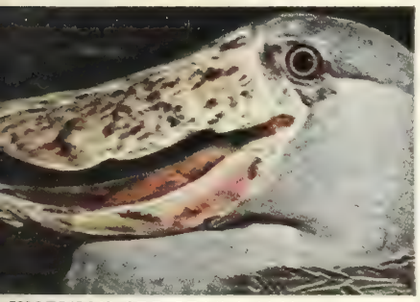
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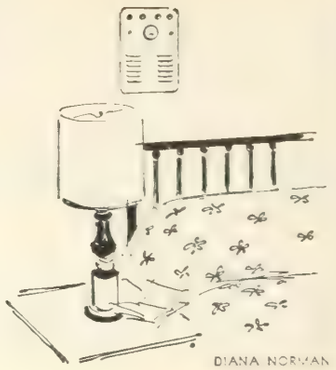
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The notes of a happy housekeeper



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Tom, reading in the papers the other Sunday about a family that had been wiped out when their house caught fire, decided our household would start the New Year out on a campaign of fire safety. ("No use pretending any longer that it can't happen to us," he said.) First he called in a good building contractor whom we know and asked him to check our house, from top to bottom, for hazards. The contractor snooped over the house like a ferret. When he eventually reported to us, he had worked out a six-point program of fire safety that we intend to follow faithfully. In case other households might want to benefit from his advice, here it is:

1. Be sure that all vital systems are in good order

The contractor said that we were in good shape on this score. We had had all the wiring gone over a few years ago and had installed some new circuits and a circuit breaker at that time. Our furnace is regularly cleaned and serviced by the company that supplies our oil. (Most fuel dealers have service departments, and it is a good idea to put the basic cleaning and repairs on a contract basis so it is never overlooked.) He did suggest having our fireplace chimneys cleaned every couple of years. We have always been very careful to keep all lamp and appliance cords and connections in good repair, and to avoid using extension cords in place of permanent installations. Lastly, the contractor advised us to be sure everyone knows where the master electrical switch is located—in case of fire, the master switch should be pulled as promptly as possible. Also, everyone in the family should know the location of the water cutoff and where a garden hose could be quickly connected. We decided to put a threaded faucet on the laundry trays in the basement and to keep a garden hose down there during the winter months when the outside faucets are turned off.

2. Install an alarm system

In any sizable house, particularly one with two or more floors, one of the great dangers is a fire that may start in an unoccupied room and get out of control before it is discovered. We decided to install a series of small, heat-sensitive detectors in the ceilings throughout the house. These are little round brass domes mounted in light colored plastic rings, about the size of an orange. Each one covers a radius of about 50 feet and will trigger an alarm if it registers any unnatural heat. The alarm itself is a loud honking horn that sounds in the upstairs hall where the indicator box is. The house area is divided into zones, and there is a signal light for each zone so the fire can be located by a glance at the box. We also have a clanging bell on the outside of the house in case a fire should start while we are outdoors. The Kidde Fire Alarm System comes in a kit—you can install it yourself or have it installed by an electrician.

3. Install good fire extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are an obvious must in any fire safety system, but what we didn't know is how many types of extinguishers there are. Nor did we know that the average home should have at least three different kinds. They should be of high quality, made to give maximum service indefinitely if properly cared for. This is no place to economize. You may have an extinguisher on the walls for years without using it, yet the one time you need it, it must work well.

The first kind we installed is the standard large water type, made to extinguish the Class A or average household blaze—a flaming wastebasket, a smoldering mattress or curtains that catch fire. We put two on duty: one out of sight in the upstairs linen closet and the other in the coat closet in the downstairs hall.

The second type of extinguisher was put in the kitchen, as it contains CO_2, good for controlling fat fires. It is bright red and hangs on its own bracket under a counter. The third one is a dry chemical extinguisher, used for electrical fires and burning fluids like oil or gasoline. As our furnace is an oil burner and as the cellar is also the place where the master circuit breakers are, we put this one down there. Like the other

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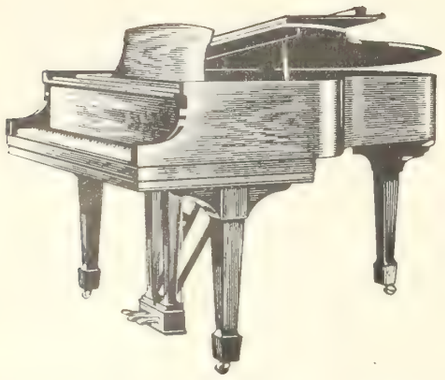
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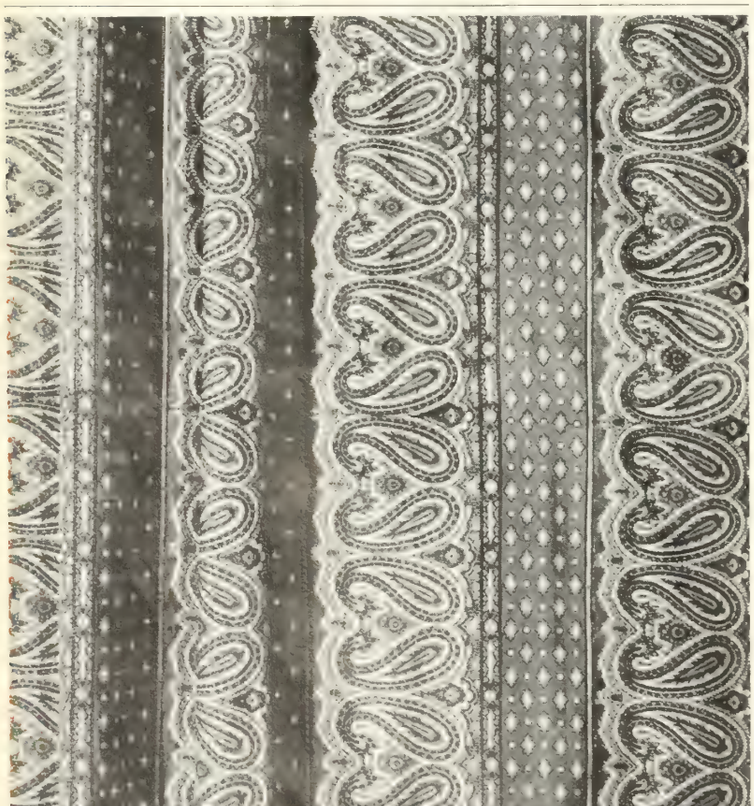


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4. Work out escape routes

All houses are different, of course, and in many one-story homes escape is merely a matter of opening a window and stepping through it. In our old house, you could crawl out of two of the bedrooms onto the roof of the porch and easily climb down to the ground. But in the two back bedrooms, this would not be possible, so we put a folding aluminum escape ladder in each room. There are several kinds available, ranging all the way from knotted ropes to elaborate outside stairways made of iron. Ours is called the Ladder-Scape, a folding, rigid aluminum ladder that is bolted to the wall under a window and then folded on itself to make a neat rectangle 10 by 14 by 7 inches deep. In spite of its compact size, it reaches almost 40 feet to the ground.

Lastly, we stashed away in the linen closet a gas mask for smoke protection. I realize this sounds overly dramatic, but smoke is one of the worst dangers associated with fire. With a mask on, one person can cover the head of another person and lead or carry him to safety. And oh yes—we provided plenty of flashlights—one in every bedroom, in the cellar and in the kitchen. (The electrical system is often the first thing to go.)

5. Have a plan of action

No safety program is meaningful or even practical unless every member of the family is instructed in it. We taught the children and other members of our household how each piece of new fire-warning equipment operates and how to handle the extinguishers. Without scaring anybody we had a fire drill and demonstrated the escape routes from every room in the house. We impressed on everyone that if a *serious* fire is discovered in the house, he should just get out, and *then* call the fire department from a neighbor's, and not attempt to fight the fire even with our new extinguishers. In fact, even in case of a small fire which we seem to have under control, the fire department should still be called *immediately*. (This advice, by the way, is stressed by the safety organizations, and they urge people who live in cities and suburbs to learn the location of fire alarm boxes nearest them.)

The children were all very interested in the equipment and seemed reassured by the whole idea of having a plan of action in case of an emergency. Instead of being frightened, they seemed to like the idea that they could protect themselves and that a crisis is something to be dealt with rather than feared helplessly.

6. Prevent fires with good housekeeping

Good housekeeping, of course, is a key factor in cutting down the risk of sudden fire. We began by giving the house a thorough cleaning—not so much from the standpoint of grooming as the determination to dispose of all unnecessary trash. We went from attic to cellar—concentrating on empty boxes, old newspapers and magazines, and other highly combustible rubbish. It's surprising how easy it is to accumulate large numbers of boxes, for example—all sizes and shapes—saved because you think you may need them some day. We collected a few in assorted sizes and nested them inside each other for storage in a far corner of the garage. We transported several cartons full of old newspapers out to the incinerator. As it is important to stay well-shed of burnables, we bought a new incinerator, sturdier and bigger than the old one, and installed it in the middle of the service yard where it can't ignite the fence or trees.

Dust was the next offender—not ordinary daily house dust, but collections of aged dust that had gathered in far corners of the attic, behind the refrigerator and in ventilating fans, heaters and other "open" appliances. We vowed to check these periodically and clean them whenever necessary, likewise stove hood and kitchen ventilating system, where there can be accumulations of grease.

Next on our housekeeping list was the storage and use of highly inflammable products like paints, paint thinner and certain types of adhesives and cement. We will be sure to keep them in a cool place in tightly covered containers and never use them near a heater, open fire or pilot light. We put the oily dust rags and mop-heads in metal containers for storage, too.

The children helped with the house cleaning and I think they got the message of our whole fire safety program. In fact, yesterday my youngest very sensibly brought me her small portable phonograph and showed me where the cord was all frayed because the puppy had chewed it. Guess safety, like charity, can begin at home—and at an early age, too.

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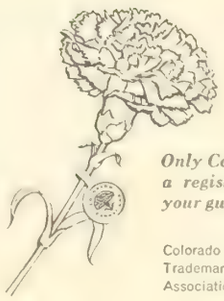
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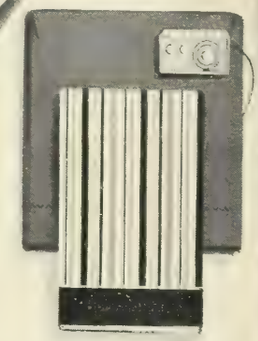
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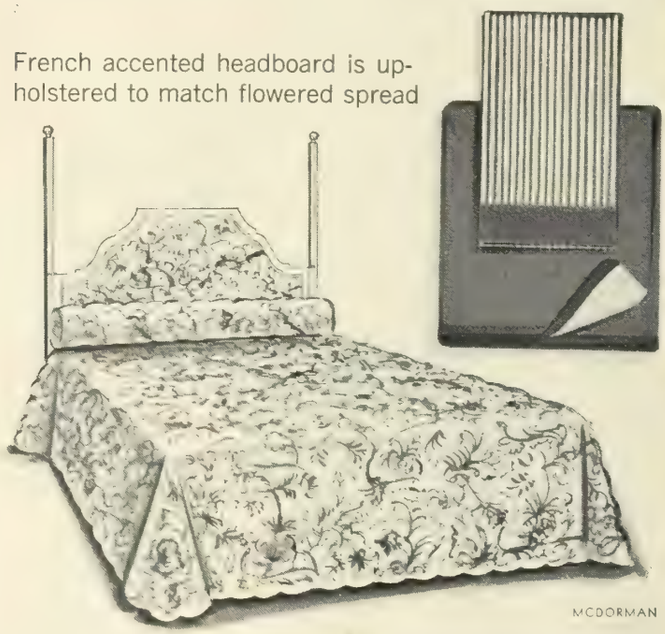


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by Doone Beal

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doone Beal, an Englishwoman who reports regularly on the travel scene for H&G, has a special interest in islands where the accent is British but the ambiance tropical.

Nassau, the capital of the Bahama Islands, is flat, and not even its most passionate devotee could claim it to be beautiful. Nassau's beauty is in the climate, the beaches (although these are a mere hint of better things to come in the Resort Islands—formerly known as the Out Islands), the ocean—striped into an ever-changing spectrum of jade, violet and indigo, and in a way of life that represents the epitome of the playgrounds of the western world. Nassau is built for pleasure, for well-subsidized idleness, and there are not so very many places like it left to enjoy, in either hemisphere.

In Paradise Island and in Lyford Cay, Nassau has two of the most sumptuous arrangements—I can't think of a better word—you could imagine. Just across the water from Bay Street, Paradise Island (renamed by owner Huntington Hartford from its original, unpoetic Hog) is an example of what sheer hard cash can do to dredge the ocean bed and create hills where none existed. For the luxurious Ocean Club and Café Martinique, crystal was brought from Czechoslovakia, paneling from France, marble pillars from southern Italy. There are even sunken Italian gardens, which, in this setting, are a triumph. When I first saw Paradise Island, the thought occurred to me that in the twenty-first century, people may yet make a pilgrimage of nostalgia to view this luxurious folly of the twentieth.

Nevertheless, I preferred the more indigenous decor of Lyford Cay, a private club, where Lady Orr-Lewis, the director of interiors, has done some brilliantly unusual things. She has eschewed the typical tropical decorating colors of hibiscus pink and turquoise in favor of soft grass greens. These are used alternately, plain and striped with white, for the beach sofas in the loggias which surround the swimming pool. She felt that, with the amount of color already in the surroundings, something restful was in order. She has imported some charming painted rococo furniture to decorate the guest cottages and here again has keyed her colors to the same green or to a dusty slate-blue. In some of the hotel bedrooms she has used pale yellow and white—but no other colors with them. The dining room is rose and white, with delicious rose-and-white striped tablecloths and matching napkins.

One of Nassau's *raisons d'être* is the truly superb shopping: cashmeres, English bone china, French perfumes, silks from Hong Kong, embroidery from Madeira, silverware from India, Swedish and German glass and steel cutlery which are invariably 40 per cent cheaper than in the States. Look around the stores (an agreeable morning's pursuit), and explore the Straw Market. But make a point of visiting two specially interesting shops on Bay Street—Island Woodcrafts and Haitian Work. The first has Bahamian-made articles ranging in price from $2 to $20, mostly of carved wood and shell-work. The Haitian shop has drums, figures, plaques and marvelous hand-woven rugs in primitive colors, decorative enough to hang on the wall of the right kind of room. For curries, you can buy tiny wooden bowls for serving the separate condiments at around $12 for a set of six (they could easily double as side dishes for a smörgåsbord).

When you feel like a change from the fleshpots of Nassau, head for the less well-developed Resort Islands. One has to ration oneself with the Resort Islands, for they could take months to explore. On my last visit, I decided upon two of them: Exuma, southeast from Nassau, and Harbour Island, which lies just off the coast of Eleuthera, due east of Nassau.

Exuma, an hour's flying time away, is remote, remote, remote. The airport is one hut, and a taxi drove me straight off the tarmac, down hedge-lined lanes to the capital, George Town. Apart from two small hotels, the sum of George Town is a Methodist chapel, a general store, a community center and a pocket-sized branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, which is beguilingly color-washed in pale pistachio green. It opens once a week.

Peace and Plenty, the Island's original hotel, is a charming old house, eighteenth-century in part, with some low, whitewashed additions to accommodate the bedrooms—all of which have patios opening on to the swimming pool. The Two Turtles, across the street, is new. No architect was employed in constructing this most pleasing building, made from local stone and cedar wood. It only goes to show what plain common sense and (less plain) imagination can do. I walked up a flight of shallow wooden steps, set in the open, to the gallery around which the bedrooms are built. All storage space and the lavatories are hidden behind sliding wooden doors. Rush matting is used on the floor, and the plain stone walls are left as is. The result is simple and refreshing. On the same premises is the estate agent's lodge from which Exuma's big new housing development is being handled. The island really is virgin territory, and its miles of powder white beaches should prove to be a potent lure for people who want to build. Lots start at around $1,000 for a quarter-acre behind the beach and rise to $4,000 for a half-acre on it. I gather that the average small resort cottage would cost in the region of $20,000 to build. The whole deal is being handled on a big and businesslike scale, and there won't be any nonsense about lack of roads, electricity, water or drainage. Among the people I met in George Town was the inevitable rich Bostonian beachcomber who had put in to refuel his yacht four months ago and never left. Exuma is that kind of place.

Harbour Island off Eleuthera is quite different. Although equally remote—to reach it you take a boat from the landing strip on North Eleuthera—it is a thriving little place, with rather the air of a New England fishing village. Its innocent gingerbread houses, brightly painted shutters and white clapboard shelter a highly sophisticated, rock-pool community among whom social life positively ricochets, and into which the average visitor is quickly and hospitably absorbed. Each house of this tiny township looks—from the outside, anyway—prettier than the last. I saw fondant-colored houses with white roofs, white houses with colored shutters (amazingly effective: purple ones, to echo the color of the trailing bougainvillaea).

One house I particularly liked belongs to Mrs. Horace Allen. In collaboration with Lady Orr-Lewis, she has worked out a charming decorating scheme for her drawing room based on every possible shade of natural green—grass, fir, sage, beech-leaf—combined with white. One color inspiration came from a yellow-green banana fern outside the window.

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Shopping is an open-air delight in Nassau's Straw Market, right beside the waterfront. Here native women call attention to their wares—hand-woven straw hats and bags with gay, colorful designs or shellwork ornamentation.


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One of the most charming places to stay is Runaway Hill. It faces a three-mile sweep of coral sand and is run by a Mrs. Patterson, more on the principle of a house party than a conventional hotel. There are only a few rooms, plus an outdoor bar and swimming pool. Here I had one of the best meals on the island, for Mrs. Patterson loves and understands local as well as international cuisine. We started with what is quaintly known as "black-and-white soup." The recipe is a secret, but basically it was a chilled vichyssoise, with a coil of what looked like chocolate sauce but tasted fragrantly meaty poured over the top. The trick is to get the soup thoroughly chilled beforehand, so that the two colors stay separate. This was followed by a savory mixture of minced meat, well seasoned with herbs, in a rich wine sauce, served with rice and baked bananas. The side dish was chilled tomatoes stuffed with potato salad and trimmed with sour cream and chives. So many deep frozen and canned foods have to be used in these islands that a really good meal is a double score, and this was one of them.

On to Jamaica

It was after this particular lunch that, sand still in my shoes, I boarded the little DC3 for Nassau and, an hour later, sat back in BOAC's Boeing on the flight to Jamaica. Jamaica feels like a country, rather than an island; and indeed, politically and physically, it *is* a country in its own right. It has character and vitality, and a variety that ranges from the sophisticated pockets of its north shore riviera through wild interior uplands that don't look tropical at all, to the lush, lambent beauty of the Rio Grande and Port Antonio.

I began my tour in Montego Bay at Sunset Lodge. This is one of those rare hotels that provides real maid service and the Sybaritic luxury of having your clothes unpacked and pressed. Another Jamaican delight is the breakfast: that superb Blue Mountain coffee and a bowl of fruit you long to photograph—tangerines with skin peeled back like flower petals, papaw with slices of fresh lime, grapefruit and sliced pineapple.

Some thirty minutes' drive westward from the duty-free shops (good, as in Nassau, for English china, Danish steelware, Swiss watches) is Round Hill, which is one of the original examples of cottage colony living. Life there is nicely balanced between the cottages and the hotel, between semi-residents and visitors. In my judgment, Round Hill provides easily the best cuisine on the island, as near to French as it is possible to get with the materials available. We had dishes as simple but, in fact, as hard to find as real marrow soup and sole *bonne femme*. Slices of avocado appeared in a hot, clear consommé. Of the meals I most enjoyed, both in Nassau and Jamaica, few were cold. It is a fallacy that cold food goes with a tropical climate. One of the best of all dishes is a really hot curry with freshly grated coconut.

Close to Round Hill is Tryall, a hotel which I remember especially for some interesting decorating ideas. The original building is a nineteenth-century Great House (plantation house), and the additions, all with furnishings from the same period, have been built on in two long, low wings. I liked the dark paneling and the four-



Brimmer Hall, an old plantation house, or Great House, just a short distance from Ocho Rios in Jamaica, has a superb collection of antiques. This view of the dining room shows a 1630 Sheraton sideboard over which hangs a 1580 tapestry of "Diana after the Chase."

poster beds in the bedrooms and a tiny flower-scattered black-and-white wallpaper, echoed but not exactly copied in cotton bedcovers. A variation of this was a black-and-white fitted bedcover with a bright scarlet cotton valance—formal, prim, very fresh. White muslin lined the windows, and white scatter rugs were used on the dark-stained wood floors. In the dining room, the bricked-up fireplace had been made into a shallow well with water plants growing in it. A huge copper urn filled with flowers was a lamp base.

There are two places well worth investigating in and near Montego. The first is Paul Methuen's workshop (he has another shop in Kingston) in the town of Montego itself. Mr. Methuen, who has decorated many of the island hotels and private houses, has for sale, among other things, some charming white-painted cane bedheads and white wicker wastebaskets—some of these are lined with tin so that they could as easily hold flowers. And the Temple Galleries, at Fairfield (for their illustrated brochure, you can write to Box 610, Montego), exist primarily to train and maintain native craftsmen. Their elaborate and exquisitely made miniature bureaus, measuring about 7 by 14 inches and selling at $75, would be wonderful to keep jewelry in. You can find here life-sized carved mahogany pineapples for table lamps; cylindrical cigarette boxes made of mahogany and each with an old coin embedded in the flip-back lid, for only $3; and pepper mills. Mahogany wine goblets are rather far-fetched, but they would look charming filled with posies on a dining table. There are handsome beaten copper platters of all sizes—some small enough to use as ashtrays, others big enough to hold a pile of logs.

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On the way from Montego to Ocho Rios, the second mecca of Jamaica's north coast, I made a detour in order to visit Good Hope, near Falmouth. Even the briefest time spent in Jamaica engenders some desire to escape the coastal belt and explore something of the interior. Good Hope, a converted Great House, borders the fascinating Cockpit Country, or "the land of look-behind," a name deriving from the days when the danger of ambush was so great that two men rode back-to-back on the same horse. It was there that the fugitive slaves of the Spaniards took refuge from the conquering English in 1665. (Their descendants, the Maroons, occupy a territory which is self-administrated and

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Ocho Rios took over where Montego, the island's original resort, left off. It is undeniably prettier, and perhaps offers the best compromise between retreat and resort. A new settlement of duty-free shops, plus an outlet of Temple Galleries, is housed in Pineapple Place. I discovered two big and two little hotels with much to commend them. The larger, Shaw Park and Plantation Inn, are excellent of their kind, but it is inevitably the two smaller, older places that have the character. Jasmin Hill is a modest plantation house with no more than five spare rooms for visitors and excellent plain food. If you order ahead, Mrs. Gloria Elkins, the proprietress, will produce for you some of the local delicacies such as callalou soup (made from sea spinach and soft-shelled crabs), goat curry and soursop ice cream. Sans-Souci is another of the original hotels, and it too has a charmingly West Indian ambiance. The starry, lantern-lit terrace is a favorite dining spot for locals as well as visitors.

Many of Jamaica's folk dances would have died out were it not, paradoxically, for the big hotels. Shaw Park puts on a wonderful beach cabaret of fire-dancers (recruited partly from hotel staff, the star turn being the beach boy) who gyrate in exotically patterned loincloths among the flickering torches to calypso music.

Anyone who is interested in plantation lore should visit Brimmer Hall, just a few miles inland from Ocho Rios. The great house is closed to visitors, except on personal introduction, but you can use the swimming pool and a pleasant snack bar. The object is a tour of the banana and copra estate by wagon, complete with the able instruction of the chief overseer. He sat us down in the shade of a tree while a native boy shinnied up one of the coconut palms and knocked the fruit down from the top. He lopped the tops off with a massive knife and we drank the water through a straw. "Those who have been carried away by Bacchus' pods have found the water smooths away the after-effects," he told us, rather poetically. In plain language, coconut water is one of the best hangover preventatives and cures known to mankind, and a fortune surely awaits the first man to preserve and bottle it. Incidentally, the Planters' Punch which the barman produces at Brimmer Hall is not the classic. For his, you take equal parts of vodka and white rum, a half measure of Campari, and top with either Schweppes' Bitter Lemon or with fresh lime, sugar and soda water. The result is less sweet and heavy, but not a whit less alcoholic.

If you are motoring from Ocho Rios to Port Antonio, take the time to stop for a picnic. This is some of the loveliest of Jamaica's landscape—the soil is red, and greenish-yellow rivers flow out through the jungle to dapple the reef-striped ocean.

Island Moods

Port Antonio, the easternmost town on the island, looks from a distance misleadingly like a sleepy fishing village, as indeed it has frequently been described. The huge harbor is hidden, and the town that backs it is innocent of the tourist shops that pepper Kingston, Montego and Ocho Rios. The market, part covered and part open, is a bustling, elbows-out affair with little regard for the leisurely or the picturesque. The drains are open gullies by the roadside, the buildings mostly made of ugly, peeling stucco. But nobody could deny Port Antonio's sheer life force and, at a moment of dusk when the stalls and the stilted wooden houses are flare-lit, it has a raffish but magical charm.

It is not only the beaches—some of which are dreamy—that commend this part of Jamaica. You can motor up into the hills and picnic on the banks of the Rio Grande or raft down it, floating on bamboo with a cushion at your back and a flask of rum punch at your feet in a state of euphoria. An expert raftsman propels the raft over gentle rapids and into rock pools where you can stop and swim in fresh, clear water. In summer, you can take the trip by moonlight, with picnics and barbecues to boot. Exotic shrubs and trees drip their luxuriance into the water's edge and one special rock belongs to the vultures, who stand with their great wings outspread to dry in the sunshine, scavengers off-duty. Altogether, the Rio Grande trip is, of its kind, probably unique in the world.

Like many visitors to the island, I landed in Montego Bay, spent most of my time on the north coast, and left the capital, Kingston, to the last. There are more romantic-looking cities than Kingston, yet it has bustle and life and a curious charm. Here was another mood of the island, and one I particularly liked; not the international gloss of the resorts, not the simplicity of the country, but something gay and genuine.

The morning I left, we called at the Victoria Crafts Market. Even at ten o'clock a calypso band was tuning up, and by the time I came back to my starting point through the warrens of stalls, it was in full swing. The Market is one of the best places to shop for calypso recordings, but gathered under this one immense roof is a very fair selection of what the island has to offer. For the kitchen or for a present, I liked a basket containing jars of homemade guava marmalade, pineapple, mango and ginger jam (all of which go wonderfully with curry) and Jamaican honey. You can buy mats and wastebaskets made from banana leaves, soup bowls of earthenware, ashtrays carved from local alabaster and very pretty salad bowls of pale green mahoe wood, from miniatures upward.

You leave Jamaica, and Kingston especially, with the feeling that you have been to a foreign country and not just a resort island. Jamaicans, who are by far the most sophisticated of all the West Indian people, have independence of spirit coupled with a refreshing sense of humor. They are not the least of the reasons why you want to return.

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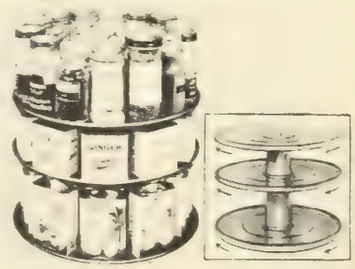
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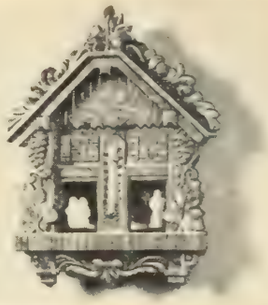
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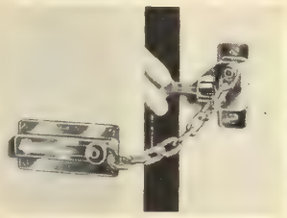
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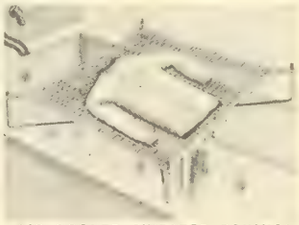
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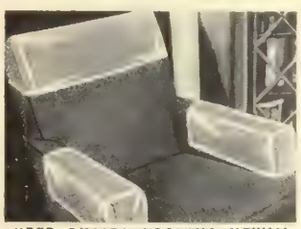
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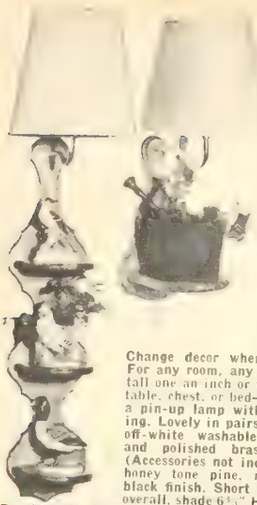
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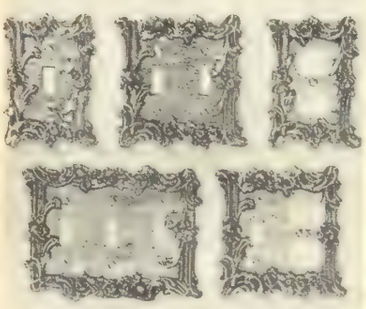
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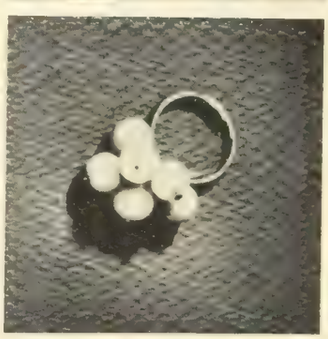
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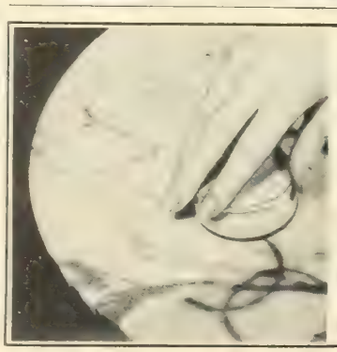
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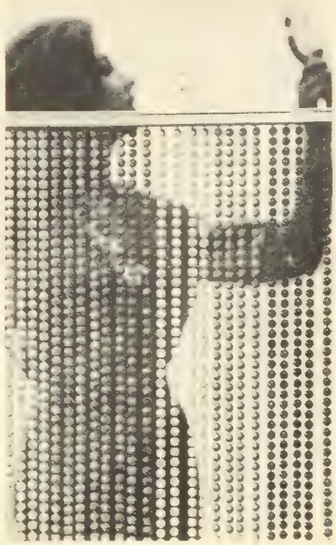
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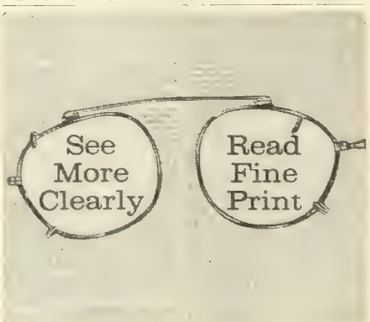
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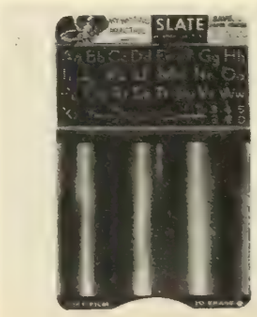
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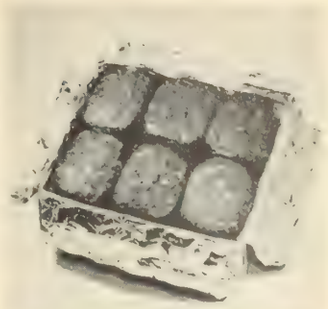
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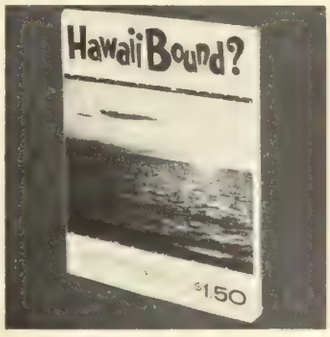
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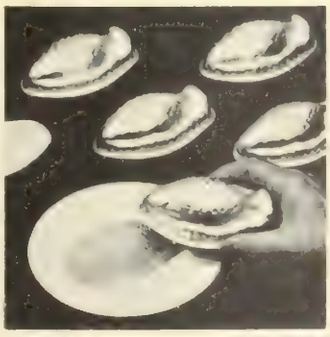
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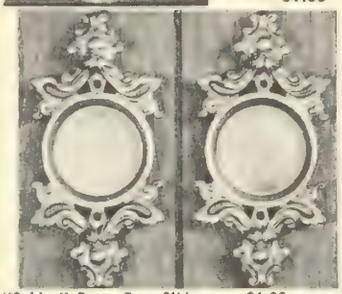
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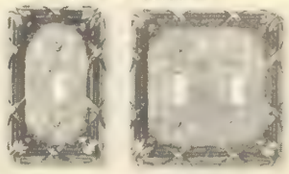
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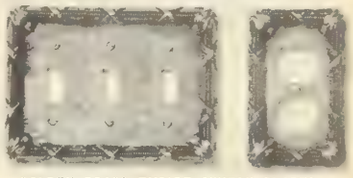


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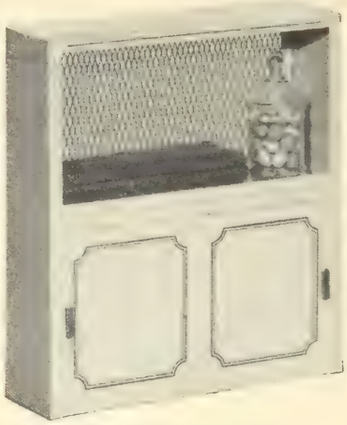
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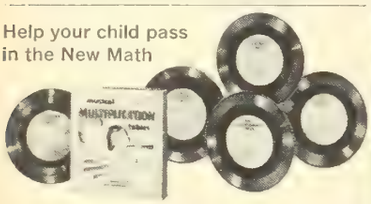
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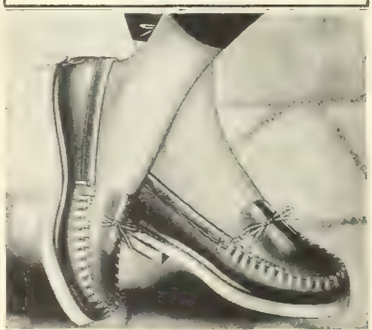
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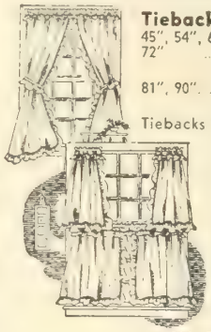
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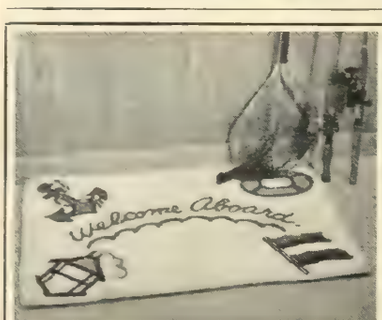
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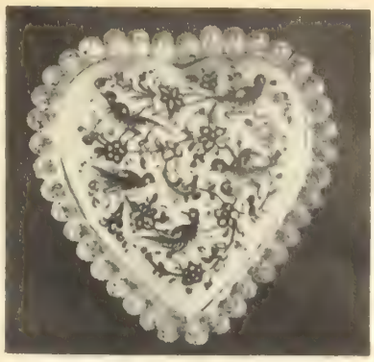
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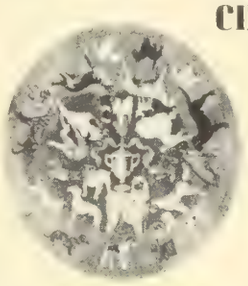
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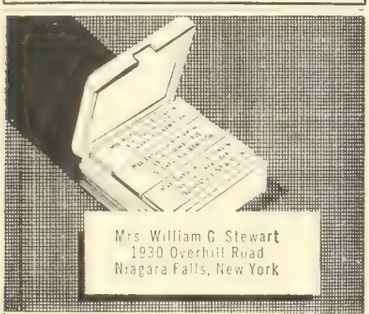


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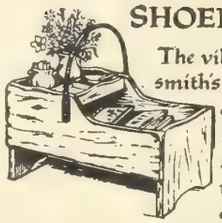
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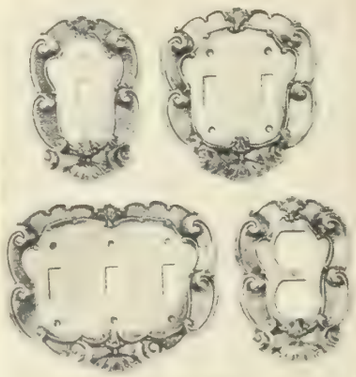
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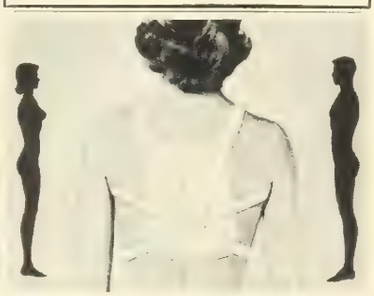


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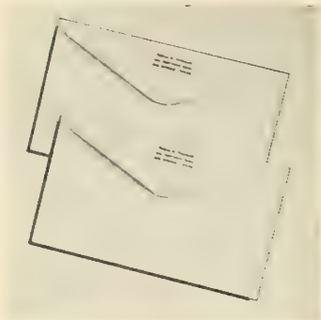
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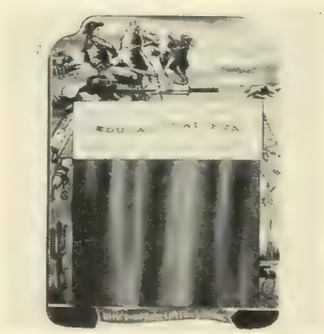
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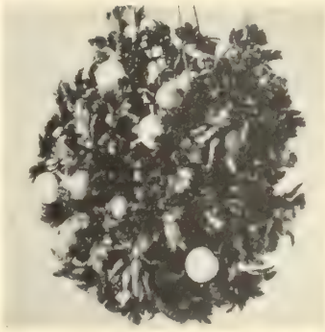
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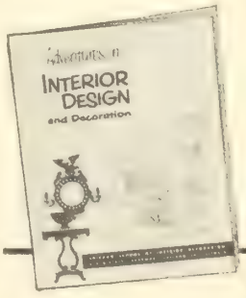
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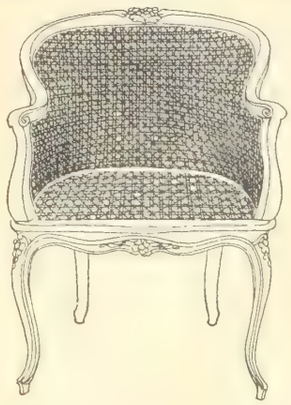
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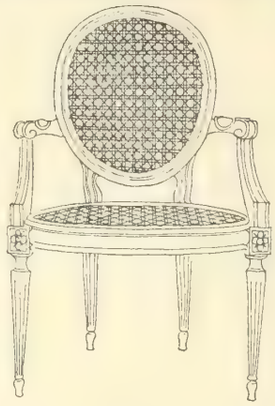
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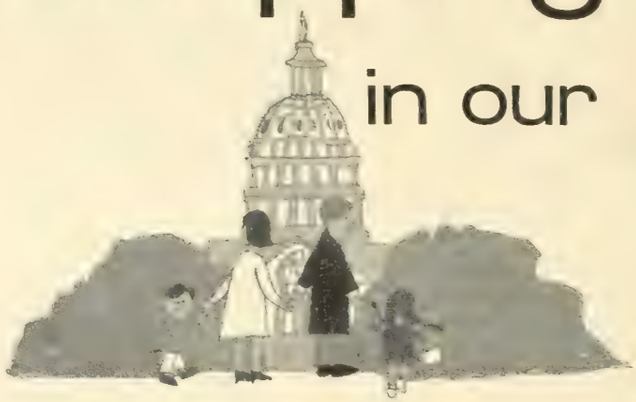
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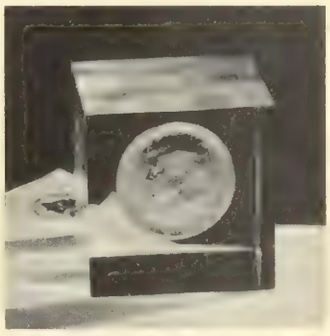
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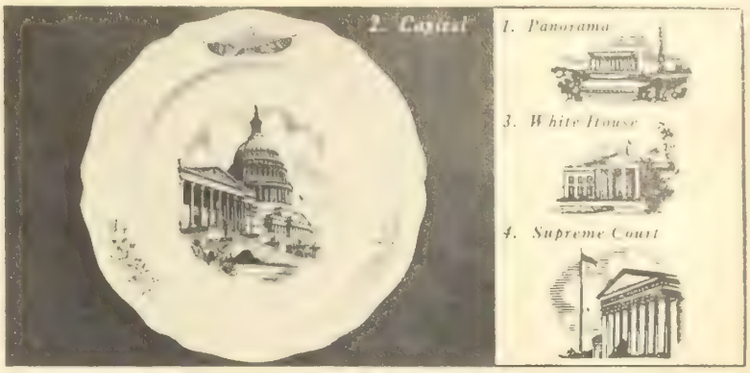
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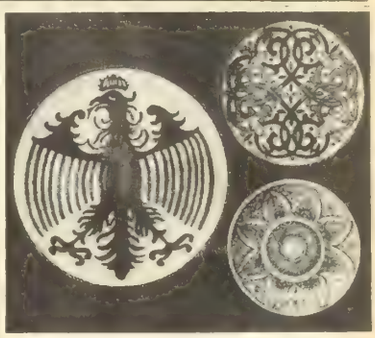
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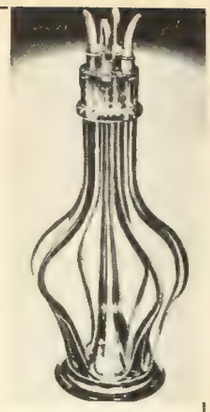
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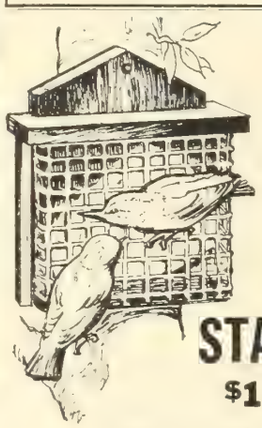
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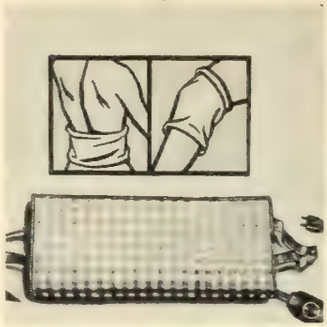
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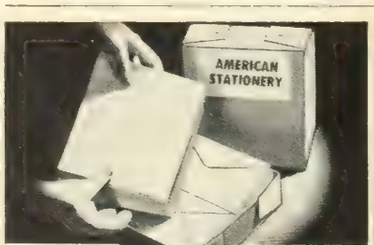
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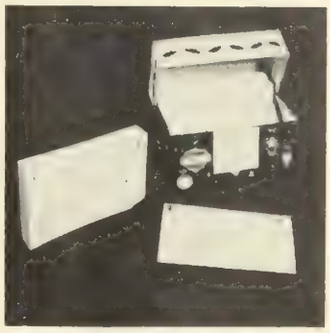
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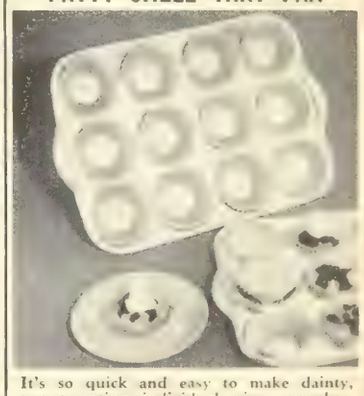
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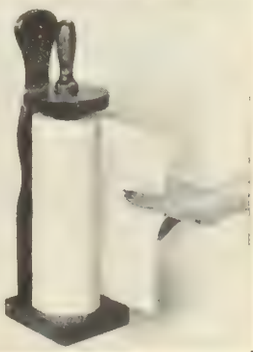


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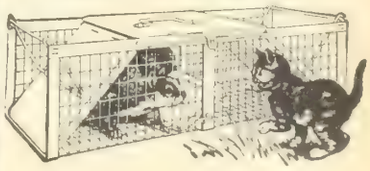


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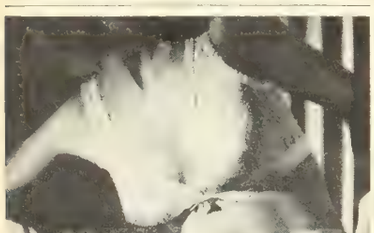
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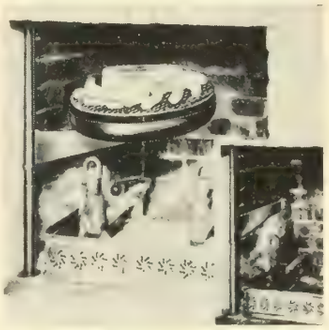
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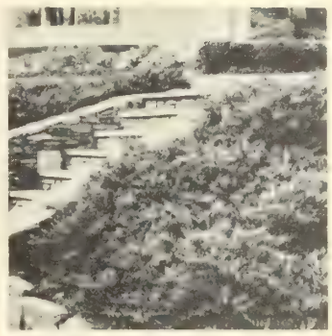
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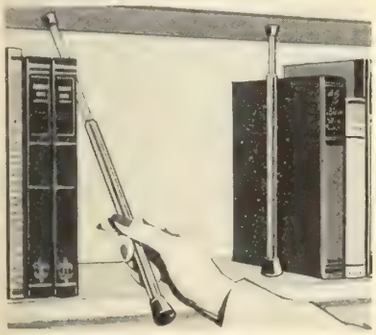
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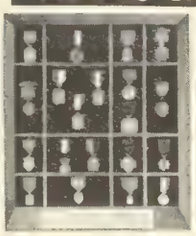
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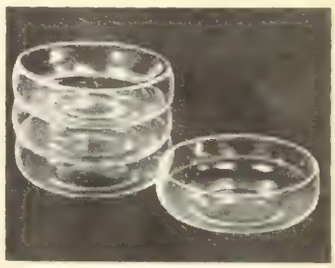


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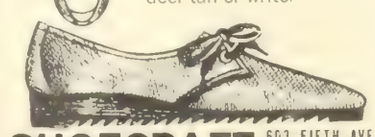
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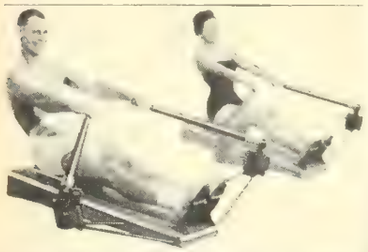
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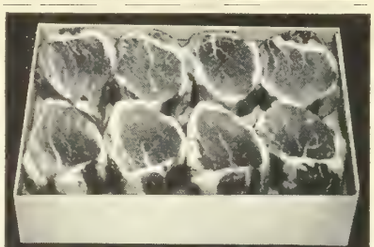
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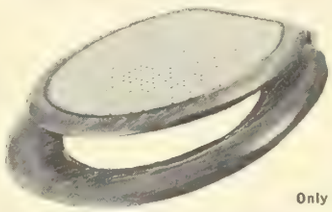
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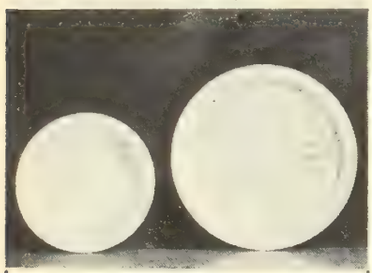


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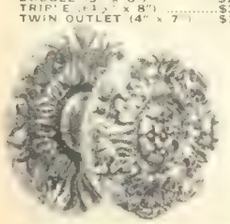
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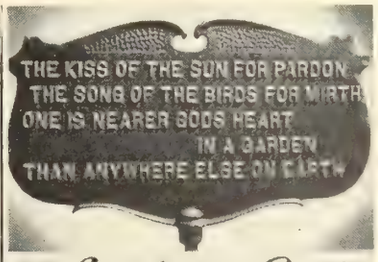


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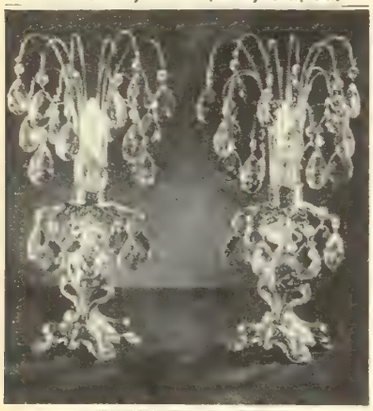
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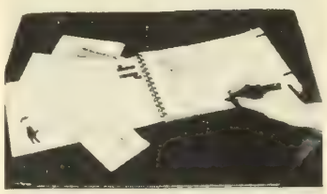
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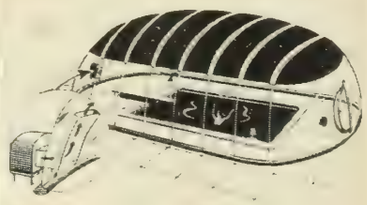
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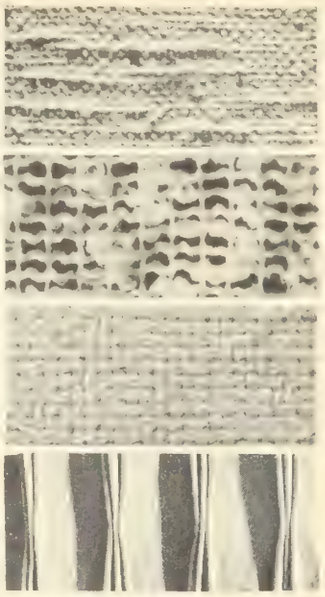
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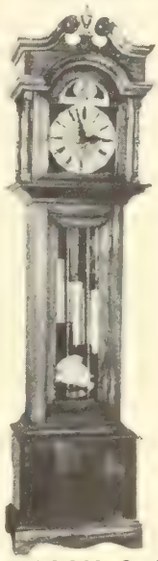
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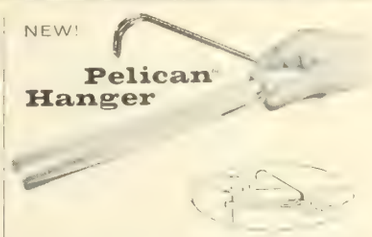
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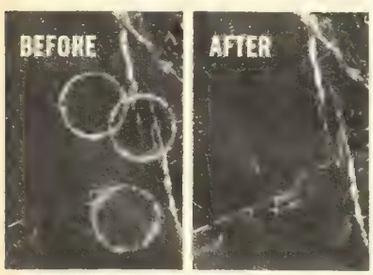
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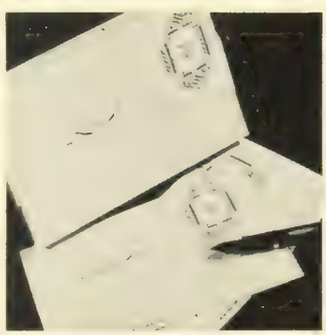
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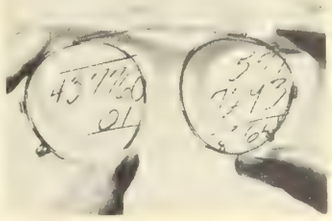
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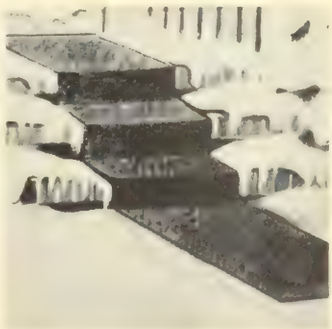
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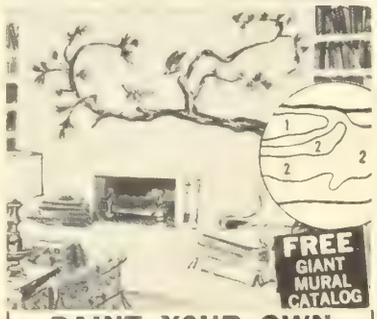
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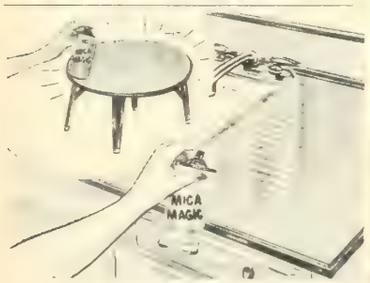
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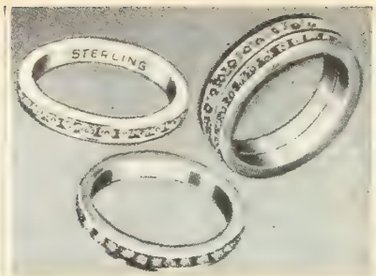


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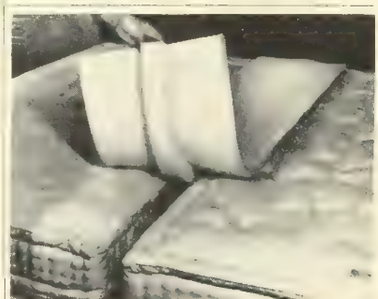
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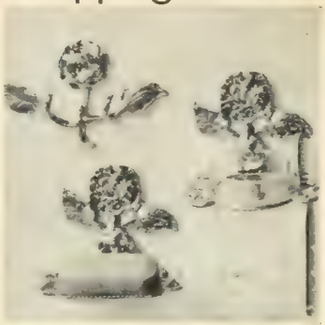
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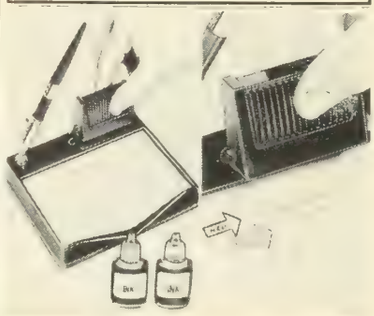


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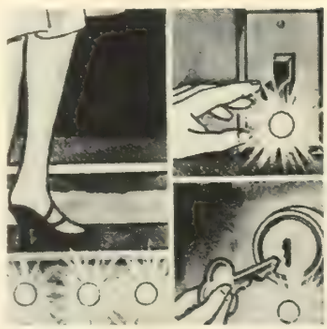
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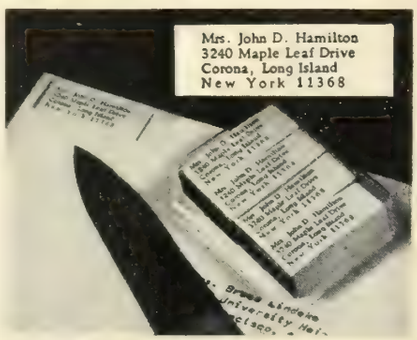


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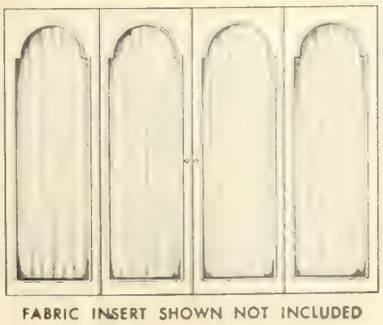
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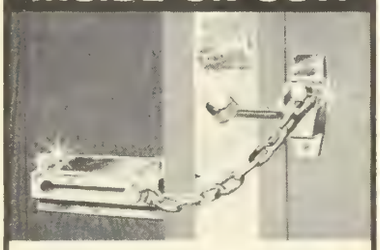
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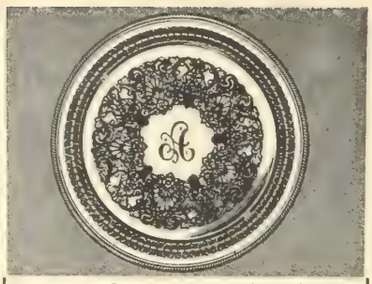
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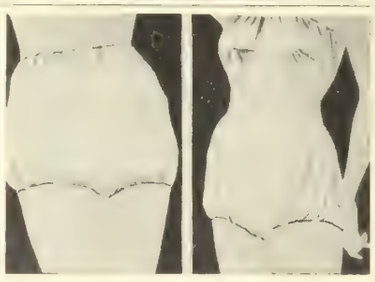
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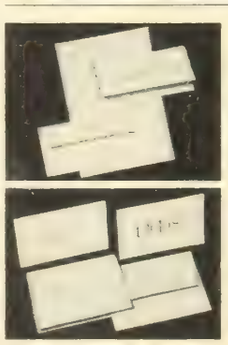
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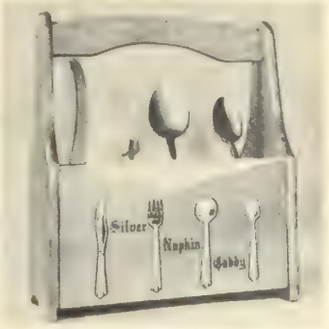
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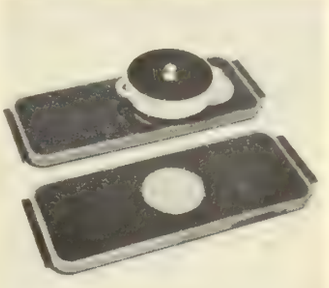
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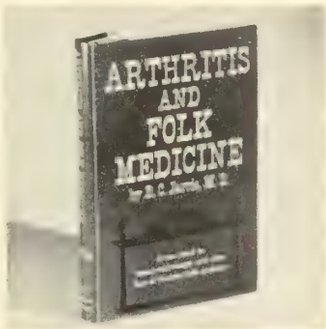
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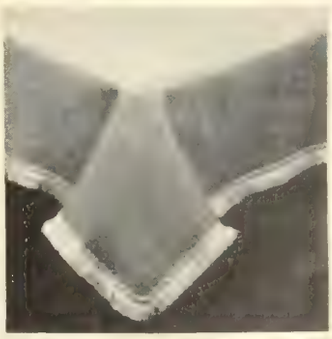
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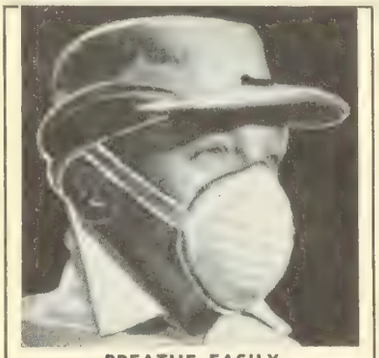


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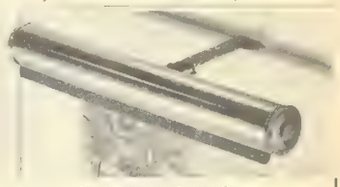
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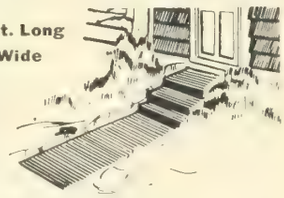
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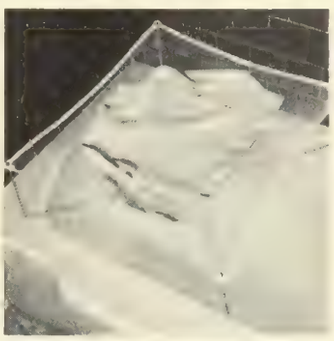
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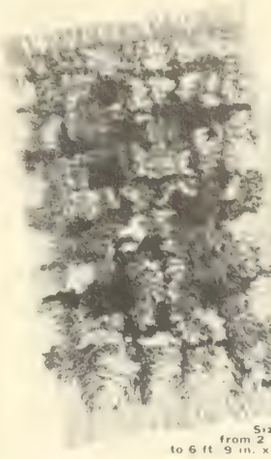
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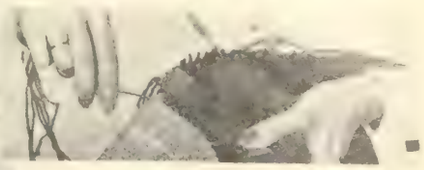
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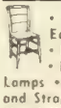
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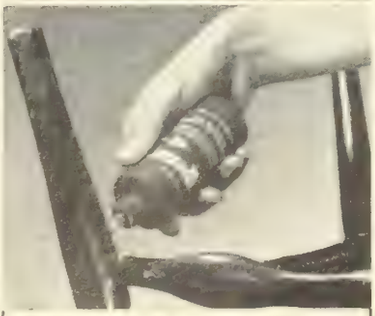


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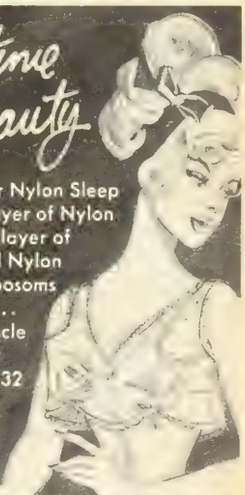
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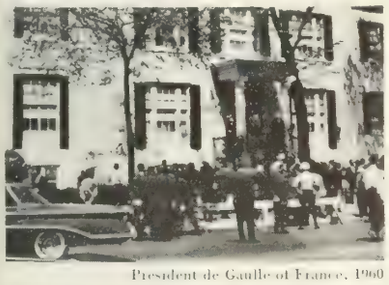
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BY MRS. ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the dedicated and tireless Chairman of the Blair House Fine Arts Committee, Mrs. Duke reports for H&G the highlights of the Blair House restoration. She is the wife of the Chief of Protocol of the United States and knows not only what was done but what the house stands for in our national life.

The hospitality of Blair House is the hospitality of a whole nation. In full operation, Blair House is also a constructive working arm of American diplomacy. It is, first of all, the President's Guest House. The State Department uses it in many ways that would be unfeasible in a government office building, and the Office of the Chief of Protocol schedules its uses as though it were a transient foreign capitol (Pennsylvania Avenue Branch). What Blair House represents is probably unique, and it is known in every capital of every continent—or soon will be. Of the 109 world leaders who have conferred in Washington with our Presidents in the past four years, the majority have been guests of the nation during their stay there. And while they have been our guests, Blair House has served as their home-away-from-home. This handsome but unpretentious house is really two houses, built separately, but with a party wall. The original house was first occupied by the Blair family in 1836, after its construction in 1824. A generation later, Francis Preston Blair built the adjoining house for his daughter when she married a cousin of General Robert E. Lee. Sometimes designated, for convenience, the Blair and Blair-Lee houses, they are now unified under the Blair name. Blair House has belonged to the nation for twenty years, and was lived in by President Truman while the White House across the way was being rebuilt. But Blair House itself was in sore need of modernization, too. It is this rebirth—structurally and esthetically—that is now being carried out. Joined on three floors and through the basement, but with separate entrances, the combined houses are now equipped with every facility for carrying out the business of the occupants in a variety of ways—affording them also a place for relaxation, according to both our standards of grace and comfort and their own, during what is often a taxing round of official ceremonies. Now, through the efforts of many dedicated people, the nation's guest house begins a new life.

AN OFFICE FOR OUR OWN PRESIDENT

This is peculiarly our own President's room while he is at Blair. The damask walls are the same as in the Green Room at the White House. Chippendale desk is on one wall, a copy of Jefferson's "rent table" on another. Worcester pieces on the mantel were the Blair family's. Rug was created to emphasize room's colors.

GIFT OF MR. AND MRS. WINTHROP ALDRIC DECORATED BY MCMILLEN INC.



BLAIR HOUSE

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Only personal effort and loving good will could have accomplished the whole Blair-Lee restoration; mere official duty or government directives would not have been enough. Personal tastes, private generosity and professional competence have made possible the collecting and arranging of not only original furnishings from the houses, but additional ones expressive of the American heritage. In its special function as a guest house for visitors to the nation from any country in the world, Blair House today must be able to meet the needs —sometimes the whims—of kings and presidents at work (which means telephones that can reach any part of the globe at the lift of a receiver), of working diplomats (which means reception rooms, drawing rooms, sitting rooms, conference rooms), of visitors on holiday (which means instant hospitality of the highest order). Blair House may need to house eighteen or contain, if that is the word, 200 guests at once. Under direct management of the State Department, through the imperturbable competence of Mrs. Mary Edith Wilroy, a small but variable staff runs the establishment with deceptive ease and precision. While most state visits last only two days, the pressure tends to mount with a new arrival every week for a month or more. But the staff functions around the clock and the visitor never knows.



THE LINCOLN ROOM, WHERE GUESTS ARE MADE WELCOME

This small but lively room opens directly from the Blair entrance hall, serves as a reception room where arriving guests become symbolic hosts for the duration of their stay. All furnishings are in the mid-nineteenth-century spirit—and all memorabilia, including old political cartoons. Bohemian cut glass surrounds an original drawing of Lincoln. The modern Portuguese rug was made for the room.

GIFT OF THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. DECORATED BY McMILLEN, INC.

BLAIR–LEE DRAWING ROOM, SPACIOUS, EASY AND SERENE

Hospitality for any guest is easy, all but automatic, against a background of such surpassing beauty as the double drawing room on the Lee side of house. Most of the furniture—camel-back sofas, gilt and lacquer mirrors, consoles, armchairs, glazed oriental lamps—are matched in important pairs; even the bleached rugs are almost a pair. Old hand-painted Chinese wallpaper was the most spectacular acquisition (radiator covers and air-conditioning ductwork were painted to match).

GIFT OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND MRS. C. DOUGLAS DILLON. DECORATED BY McMILLEN, INC.





DINING IN BLAIR-LEE— WHERE ELEGANCE IS THE EVERYDAY RULE



The original Lee dining room, OPPOSITE PAGE, *bigger of the two in the combined structure, is notable first for the blue and white porcelain, some from the original Blair collection, and then for the needlepoint chair seats, repeating the plate design. Each seat was worked by a Cabinet wife or a committee member. Original pistol-handled sterling complements contemporary Danish crystal.*

One of the specifics of Blair House diplomacy is good eating, just as hospitality is one of the vital generalities. There are two beautifully appointed dining rooms in the recreated house, both served through pantries from new and superbly equipped kitchens in what formerly were coal bins on the ground floor. Highlight of the bigger Blair-Lee dining room is the needlepoint seat covers made by Cabinet wives and some of the committee members with their own hands. Many generous and willing people were responsible for individual gifts that supplement particularly fine parts of the original collections. As the house is arranged, the dining rooms may be used for separate functions at the same time, each accessible through separate street entrances. When need requires, the entire Blair-Lee first floor can be devoted to a single affair.



DRAWING ROOM FOR HOSPITALITY BEFORE AND AFTER DINING

The drawing room that adjoins the Blair dining room takes its clay-beige colors from the Kirman rug. Prize piece is a bonnet-top Queen Anne secretary, ABOVE, *holding some of the superb Blair Lowestoft. The black marble mantel,* RIGHT, *one of a pair, is flanked by a burl walnut Queen Anne commode, painted and gilt trumeau mirrors.*





IN BLAIR ITSELF, A TABLE SET FOR A STATE BANQUET

The banquet table in Blair House, although formal to a degree, still represents a cheerful mixture of old and new. George II flatware and wine-red Blair Worcester service are garnished with original Blair grape pattern crystal. Candelabra and mantel garnishing are original Blair, as is the twinkling crystal and gilt chandelier. Corner screen is painted leather.

DECORATED BY MRS. FRANCIS HENRY LENYSON, MR. STEPHEN JUSSEL FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS



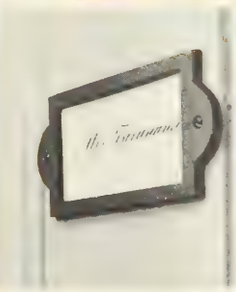
BLAIR HOUSE

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The second floor of the rebuilt and redecorated dwelling was planned as much for the private comfort and convenience of the guests as the accommodations downstairs were arranged for public hospitality. The sitting rooms and bedrooms on this floor may be variously interconnected, according to need, and are accessible from the entrance hall of either the original Blair House or the adjoining Blair-Lee. All the principal bedrooms have private baths, although not all are parts of suites. Yet each bedroom is equipped to serve almost any official needs of the aides and ministers who must inevitably accompany and assist their chiefs on missions of state. The two most important of these single rooms, apart from those of the heads of state, are known as the Lincoln Bedroom and Prime Minister's Bedroom. The upper floors are attractive enough for either monarch or equerry, each room has its own telephone and includes among its appointments specially embossed stationery, pens and pencils, smoking accessories as well as fresh fruit (a great favorite of all guests) and flowers appropriate to the room's use and decoration.









Three highlights give special luster to H&G's treatment of the Lincoln Bedroom, OPPOSITE PAGE *and* ABOVE: *the American Empire secretary, its drawers faced with curly maple, its shelves devoted to American authors (see page 148); the specially colored Paisley wallpaper; original sleigh bed. Matelassé spread is requilted to echo wallpaper pattern. Chair and ottoman are covered in glove leather. Curtains are silk pongee. Planter was a tôle foot bath. Blue opaline glass carafe wets midnight whistle: lamp brightens bedtime reading. Paper in Blair-Lee hall,* ABOVE RIGHT, *was part of a White House gift. All rooms bear name cards of resident guests.*

GIFT OF CONDÉ NAST PUBLICATIONS. DECORATED BY HOUSE & GARDEN





Bed and bath linens are monogrammed blue and green on white. All stationery is blue embossed for the President's Guest House, as are pens and pencils beside a blue lacquer desk box.

Sleep for a busy aide is wooed in a nineteenth-century American mahogany four-poster, spread and hung with English chintz. The marble-topped Queen Anne end table is among the best pieces in the house.

GIFT OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES C. DONNELL II. DECORATED BY MCMILLEN, INC.

BEDROOM FOR A MINISTER OF STATE



BLAIR HOUSE *continued*



KING'S BEDROOM—
PRIVATE AND PERSONAL

Private desk in the bedroom, public desk through the library door, form the chief of state's work axis. *See also page 98.*

QUEEN'S SITTING ROOM—
SUNNY AND SERENE

Federal style at its most graceful distinguishes the sitting room of the Queen's Suite, in two views, BELOW. *The colors echo those of the adjoining bedroom (page 99), the rugs in the two rooms have the same needlepoint design.*





The Blair Library, an enormous room that has retained all its original woodwork, ceiling ornamentation and principal furniture, dominates the King's and Queen's Suites, which also include two bedrooms each with a bath, and a sitting room (these pages and the two pages following). The core of the Blair House philosophy—that while a chief of state is our guest, this house is his home and seat of authority if he wishes—is expressed in this room. A large table in the center of the outer wall serves as a desk. Separate conferences can be carried on, if desired, at opposite ends of the room. And, in addition to three telephones, it contains a huge color television set, radio and a book collection from American publishers that roves over the world's letters, history and geography. The commemorative note is strong here, from a copy of Houdon's bust of Washington to the heads of later statesmen. Basically the room is less changed than most parts of the restored houses. Less formal quarters for the chief of state and his wife, as well as rooms for principal ministers and their aides, occupy the remainder of the second floor.



IN THE LIBRARY, ROOM FOR
A KING TO RULE OR RELAX

While the magnificent woodwork, OPPOSITE PAGE, *and the red-glazed walls are the most dramatic features of the library in the King's Suite, the two ends (one,* ABOVE, *one on cover) are probably the most used by the nation's guests. Restored plasterwork and chandelier are original, velvet sleeve* (INSET, ABOVE RIGHT), *added touch.*





LINENS AND COTTONS FOR A KING

The chamber of a visiting chief of state, less formal than any other principal bedroom in the house, is furnished with American curly maple pieces. Spread, curtains and red-lined canopy are white-on-white crewel. Specially embroidered red stitching outlines a bold pattern on beige and white upholstery fabric. Bold contemporary rug shows off light maple.

GIFT OF MR. AND MRS. HARCOURT AMORY JR., AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. ANGIER B. DUKE. DECORATED BY MC MILLEN, INC.



SILKS AND SATINS FOR THE QUEEN

Eighteenth-century English mahogany is as graciously formal here as the king's maple is casual. Damask covers the chairs, including a comfortable chaise the camera misses. Silks and satins are gathered at the windows, form swags on canopy and dust ruffle of bed. The floral pattern of the contemporary needlepoint rug is echoed in the Derby porcelain lamps.

QUEEN'S SUITE, GIFT OF LORD & TAYLOR. DECORATED BY RAYMOND S. [illegible]





SILK SCREENING

ebullient color; precise as a stencil

Silk-screen printing—because of its fidelity to an original—has for some fifty years been a favorite technique for reproducing works of art. Based on an ancient type of stencil printing used on textiles, silk screen also produces magnificent results in printing patterned fabrics. Now, new products that simplify the art of silk screening make it practicable by a reasonably dexterous amateur. You can embellish table linens, curtains, even stationery with a distinctive silk-screen printed design. The sunburst, *opposite page*, was created especially for H&G by Italian designer Fornasetti, whose highly original furniture and accessories often bear a sunburst in various forms (see "At home with the man behind the designs," H&G August, 1962). The composition of this sunburst is simple in line and takes to bold strokes of paint exceedingly well.

The basic tool of the silk-screening process is a square of framed, fine silk to which a stencil has been affixed. You can make your own, or buy a Prang kit that includes a 9-by-12-inch screen, paint and material for a stencil, for $7.95 at art or hobby shops. You roll the paint onto the silk and press it through the stencil (a squeegee is good for doing this) onto your fabric, paper or whatever. This is the way to do it:

To cut the stencil you need a sharp implement like a stencil knife or a single-edge razor blade, tracing paper and a sheet of Profilm (specially prepared paper for screen printing, available in most art stores) cut the size of the frame you plan to use. Work on a wooden board so that you can cut easily through the paper and film. With India ink, trace H&G's sun (see page 160) or any picture or design you like. You may even prefer to draw your own motif directly on the tracing paper. Put the paper on your wooden board, lay a sheet of Profilm over it with the shiny dark green side up. With the knife or razor, cut out the parts of the design that you want in color (the sun's features and rays) when you print.

To make the screen—if you are not using the kit—cut a piece of silk organdy or screening silk to fit over a picture frame approximately 9 by 12 inches, and attach it with thumbtacks or small brads. With masking tape, seal the silk firmly to the frame, especially along the edges, so the paint will not ooze out as you work. Whether you have a kit screen or have made your own, the next step is to fix your stencil to it. Place screen face down on the dark green side of your Profilm stencil. Wet a cloth (or wad of cotton) with film-adhering solvent. Wipe this over the screen. The solution makes the Profilm adhere to the silk. Turn the screen over and peel off the back layer of the Profilm stencil. You now can print.

To print you will want Liquitex paints and polymer medium, and a squeegee. Liquitex colors (technically, acrylic polymer emulsions) number twenty-nine in all and vary in price according to color from 50c to $1 for a 2-ounce jar. The 2-ounce jar is recommended over a tube of paint because it is easier to handle and almost ready to use as it comes from the jar. You have only to thin it to the consistency of heavy cream with Liquitex polymer medium (proportion: 1 tablespoon polymer medium to 2 ounces Liquitex paint). The medium insures the waterproof quality that recommends this paint for silk screening. Once dry, a material printed with Liquitex can be hand-washed, or machine-washed with setting at "gentle," and ironed at setting for wool between sheets of unglazed shelf paper. Liquitex will wash off your skin with soap and water, but not off a wood table, so be sure to cover your work surface with a sheet of plastic or a drop cloth. It is best to keep your mixed paint in a large jar and use only as much as you need at a time, because the paint has a tendency to thicken rapidly.

If you are using the Prang kit, a squeegee comes with it that fits exactly inside the screen frame. But you could make your own squeegee, either of a strip of wood with a groove running the length of it, or two pieces of heavy cardboard, and with a strip of hard rubber inserted in the groove of the wood or secured between the pieces of cardboard. Your squeegee should be just the size of the inside of the frame.

Place the screen, stencil down, on your fabric or paper with your stencil over the spot where you want the design. Pour the mixed paint (for a 9-by-12-inch screen, use about 2 tablespoons) into the back of the screen across one end, starting about an inch above the stencil. Take your squeegee and pull it firmly down once across the stencil, then reverse and pull it back up once. You will usually have to add a little more paint each time you print. When printing on a textured surface, be sure you don't allow paint to become thick, because it must penetrate deep into the material.

Wash the screen often under running water. The paint dries quickly—an advantage because you won't be so likely to smudge the print—and is waterproof when dry. If you want to retard drying, you can add a few drops of glycerine to the paint. To clean the screen, lift off the excess paint with a rubber spatula and pour it back in the jar, then hold the screen under a sink spray. Don't worry about your stencil coming off. Profilm takes a lot of wear, and the screen should last for years.

Always run a proof-print first. To correct the screen if, for example, you have forgotten (*Continued on page 160*)

Bearing the stamp of Fornasetti's benevolent sun:
two different styles of note paper, ready-made white broadcloth café curtains with brass rings, linen napkin (with suns imprinted in two colors), paper coasters (with sun superimposed over colored rings), place mat of a nubby fiber blend. Photograph by Fotiades.

On a California site that almost takes your breath, a venturesome owner and architect combine their talents to create a

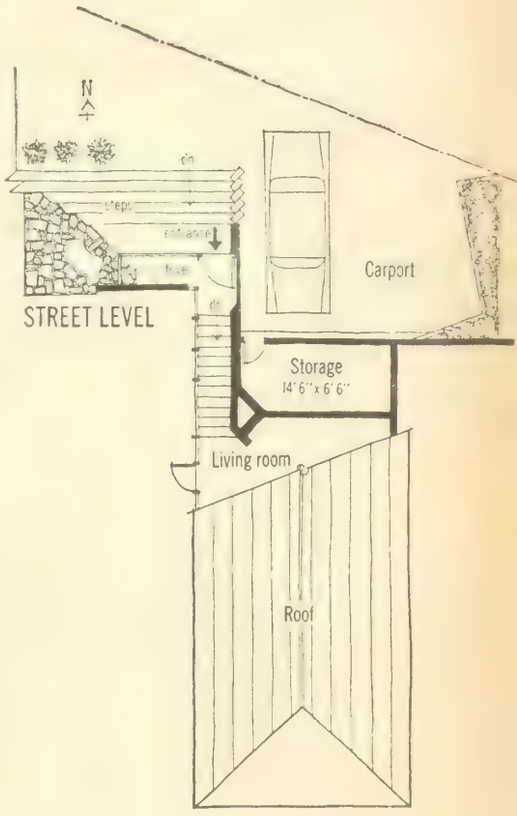
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CLIMBING HOUSE

The most astonishing fact about this monumental house is that it could be built at all. To view it from the lower street level, *opposite page*, is to mistake it, perhaps, for a gargantuan abstract sculpture hewn from a sheer escarpment. Yet for all its impact as a spectacular architectural form —previewed as such in our January, 1964 issue—this is a singularly personal place to live. Neither the owner nor the architect had in mind overt theatricality. On the contrary, the governing dictates were an incredibly precipitous building site and a set of very human, if highly cultivated, desires—for comfort, for serenity and for a bountiful source of stimulation. How these desires were gratified—and more—traces directly to a remarkably effective owner-architect collaboration. The owner, Marco Wolff Jr., is a gifted artist in two scarcely related fields: He is both concert pianist and professional interior designer, a combination so unusual as to introduce a number of intriguing challenges, granted that both talents would be abundantly exercised under one roof. Mr. Wolff also was strongly motivated by what he did *not* want in a house. For a number of years he had lived in a sleek, almost completely glass-walled house, and he keenly felt the need for a change. So he made sure of an architectural turnabout when he engaged John Lautner, an architect known for his devotion to rugged, organic design and natural materials. Mr. Lautner employed plenty of both in Mr. Wolff's house, partly because the site almost literally cried out for an audacious solution, but more particularly because his client gave him full license "to create architecture" in the course of providing shelter.

Save for a handkerchief-size bit of flat land at the very top of the site—barely room enough for a carport and an all-glass vestibule, *below* and *right*—the property falls away at an awesome angle. Indeed, the land would be considered "impossible" in all but a few regions, including the Los Angeles foothills where this house was built. Mr. Lautner consequently had to cope with both practical and design problems of a severe nature. He decided that the character of the house should emulate nature itself, which explains the massive concrete piers and retaining walls, the towering stone walls, cantilevered decks and heavy, overhanging copper-sheathed roof—all in the kind of craggy angularity most often encountered by mountaineers who specialize in rock climbing. But Mr. Wolff is not a mountaineer; the steepness of the hillside notwithstanding, he insisted on having convenience and fineness of detail throughout his stair-step house. That he attained all his wants within this vigorous architectural framework testifies to successful teamwork.



LIKE AN ICEBERG, MOST OF THE HOUSE IS INVISIBLY BELOW THE ENTRANCE

Bold concrete and stone form, *opposite page*, rises from below like an armor-clad sentinel

Only the carport is apparent to the eye at street level, *below*

Glass-encased vestibule, beside carport, displays sculpture by Arnaldo Pomodoro

EZRA STOLLER

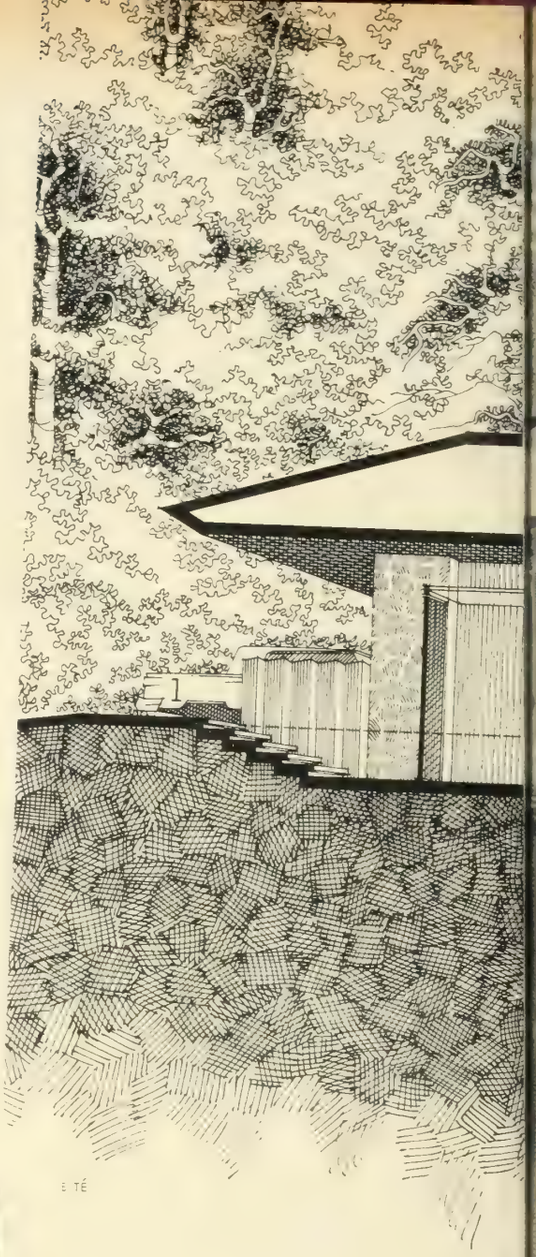




Viewed in terms of a nearly impossible site, Mr. Wolff's cliff-like dwelling assumes a definite logic of its own. With the 50-degree pitch of the hill to contend with, the house steps down the slope in four levels, each anchored to the hill with massive stone and concrete construction as you see in the sectional drawing on the opposite page. The only flat area on the site—at the top —was just big enough for carport and entrance. Since the lot was only 55 feet wide anyway (and only 90 feet long), building vertically was the logical solution and the best way of snaring a superb view for all major rooms. Closeness to neighbors, and to the streets at top and bottom of the lot also demanded special provision for privacy. So each of the floor levels penetrates deeply into the hillside and is shielded from view on either side as well as from the streets above and below. The entrance door is the only opening at the front of the house. One long side wall has virtually no windows, and the opposite side is protected by two-story-high stone walls jogging out at an angle around the decks and high living room windows. These great stone walls and the sturdiness and large scale of the masonry substructure give a look of strength to the house and a sense of unity with the hillside not always realized in a good many dwellings which seem to perch precariously on steep sites. And the irregular shape made it possible to preserve four towering eucalyptus trees and weave them into the plan; they rise through decks on both living room and bedroom levels as an integral part of the scheme. Building the house on four levels also afforded a convenient zoning pattern. The living-dining-kitchen area enjoys the largest space with the widest outlook and the bedroom-study level below it is completely apart and self-contained. And at all levels, outdoor terraces command a matchless panoramic view of the widespread city of Los Angeles.



House emerges like an outcrop

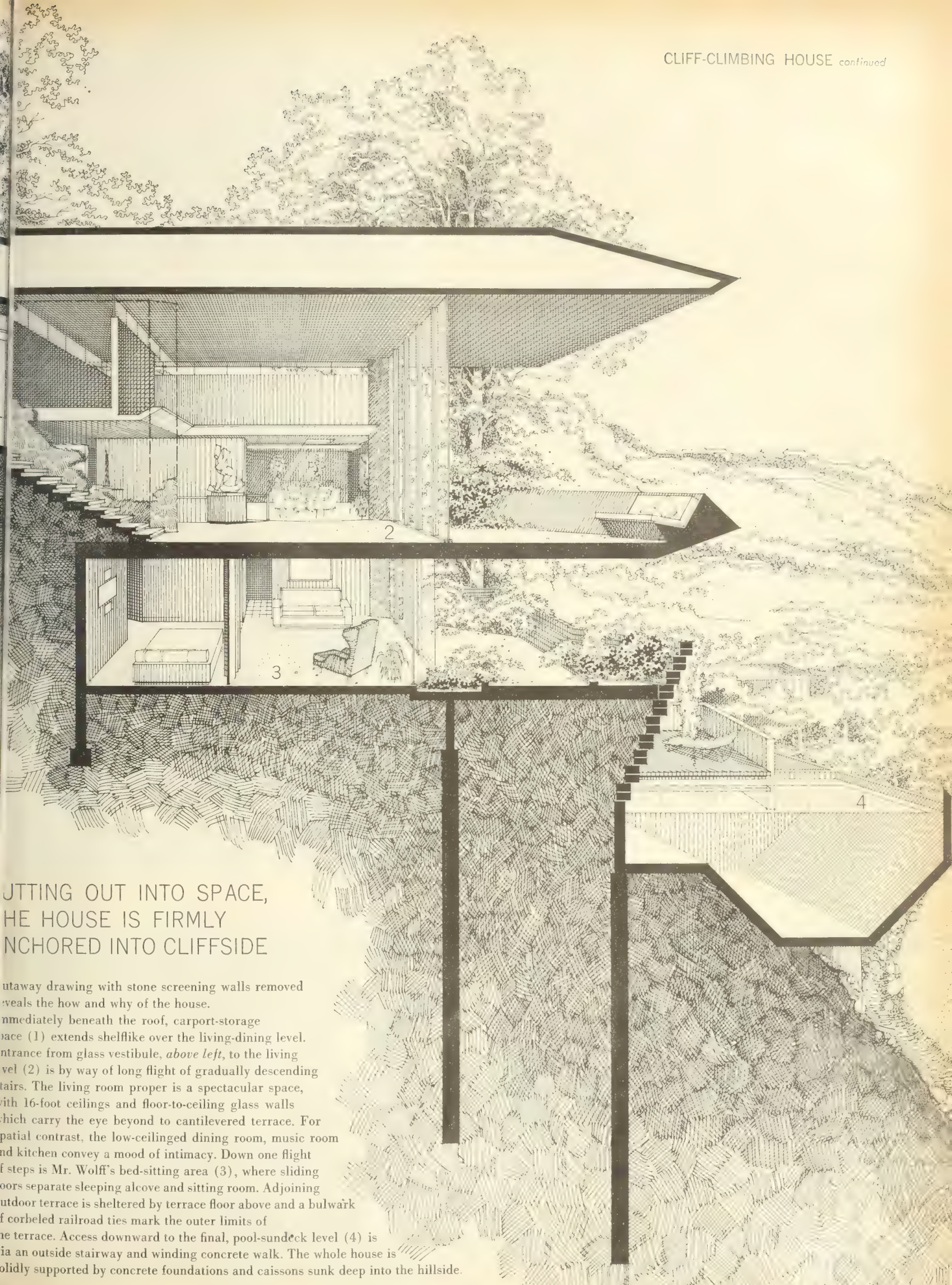


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Sundeck and pool high above lower street gains sense of security from enclosing parapet, umbrella-like eucalyptus trees

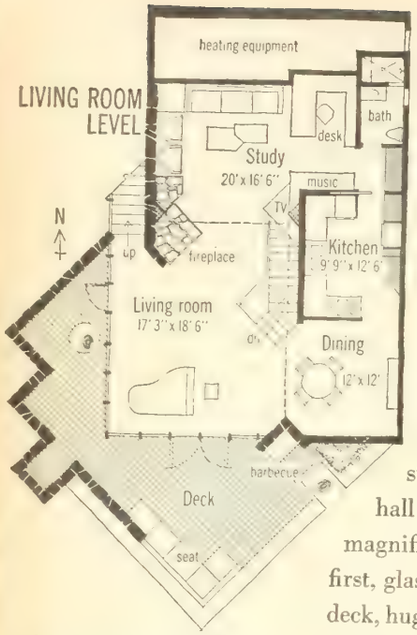


OWNER AND INTERIOR DESIGNER: *Marco Wolff Jr.*
ARCHITECT: *John Lautner*
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: *Edward Huntsman-Trout*
LOCATION: *Hollywood, Calif.*
SIZE: *2,500 square feet of indoor space*



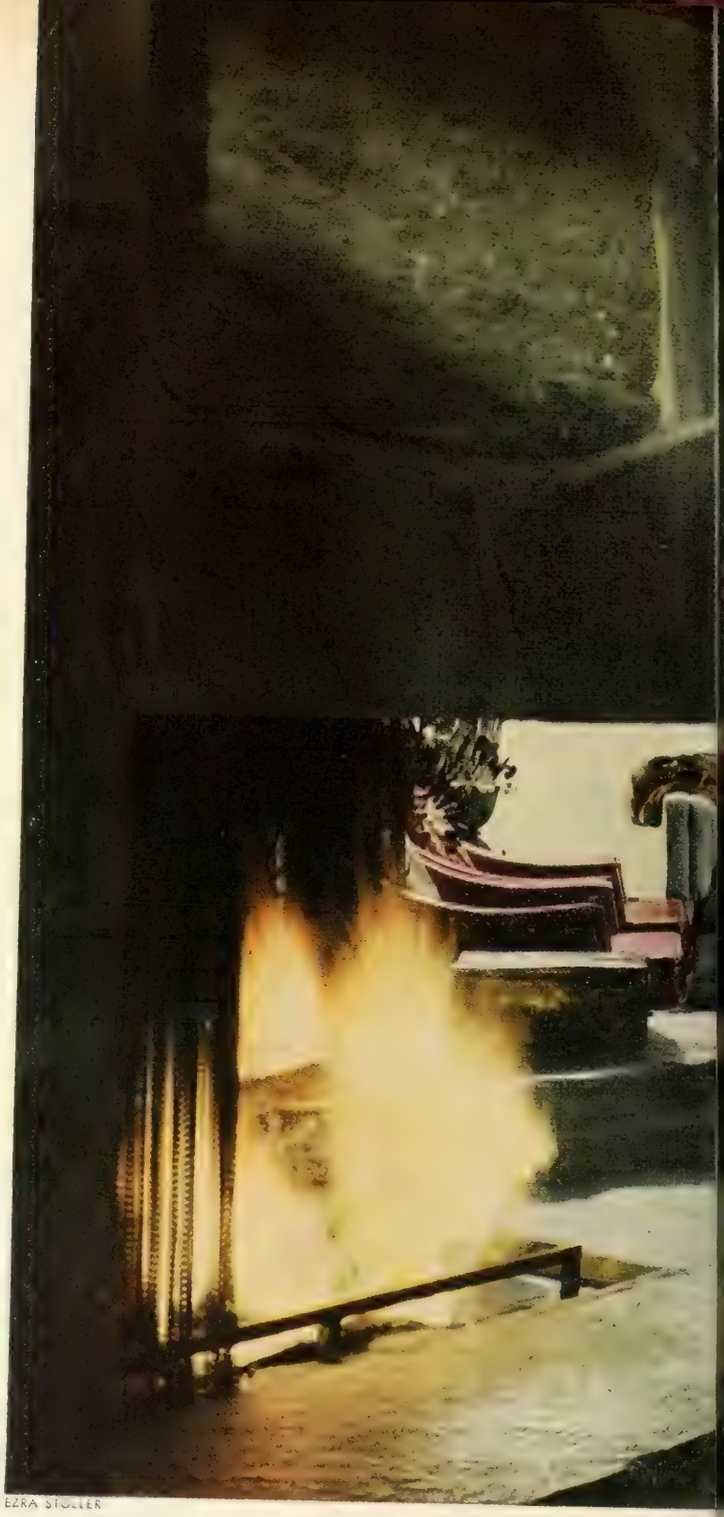
JTTING OUT INTO SPACE, HE HOUSE IS FIRMLY NCHORED INTO CLIFFSIDE

utaway drawing with stone screening walls removed veals the how and why of the house. nmediately beneath the roof, carport-storage ace (1) extends shelflike over the living-dining level. ntrance from glass vestibule, *above left*, to the living vel (2) is by way of long flight of gradually descending tairs. The living room proper is a spectacular space, ith 16-foot ceilings and floor-to-ceiling glass walls hich carry the eye beyond to cantilevered terrace. For patial contrast, the low-ceilinged dining room, music room nd kitchen convey a mood of intimacy. Down one flight f steps is Mr. Wolff's bed-sitting area (3), where sliding oors separate sleeping alcove and sitting room. Adjoining utdoor terrace is sheltered by terrace floor above and a bulwark f corbeled railroad ties mark the outer limits of ne terrace. Access downward to the final, pool-sundeck level (4) is ia an outside stairway and winding concrete walk. The whole house is olidly supported by concrete foundations and caissons sunk deep into the hillside.



LIVING LEVEL TEMPERS SHEER DRAMA WITH CAVELIKE INTIMACY

The dual talents of Mr. Wolff as a musician and designer meet and merge with stunning success in the complex of spaces which comprise the living level of his house. Visual contrast both stimulates and subdues the senses. The living room is divided in two, with one end soaring to a full two-story ceiling height. Here, in true concert hall proportions, Mr. Wolff has placed his magnificent grand piano against a background of, first, glass walls and then, at the outer limits of the deck, huge masonry walls of Bouquet Canyon stone, *below right*. The other end of living room, *right* (and plan, *above left*), is virtually another world—a low-ceilinged, warm and windowless refuge from too heady vistas and overpowering scale. With its great masonry fireplace as a boundary marker, this intimate world is designed for listening to music produced by an extraordinary built-in stereo system, *below left*, for conversation or reading. Similarly low-ceilinged is the dining room, *opposite page, below right*, which also turns its back on the panoramic view, the better to concentrate on the pleasures of table and conversation. A wealth of handsome finishes and luxurious details enhance all rooms in the living level. Bookshelves and cabinetry, all of bleached rosewood, are custom designed to meet highly personalized specifications. Mr. Wolff designed the marble-topped desk and bookshelves as well as the Carpathian-elm-and-lacquer coffee table. A storage cabinet was made expressly to hold sheet music, *below*, and even the central vacuum outlet and dimmer control for lighting are concealed behind a hinged rosewood panel. An elaborate intercom system, essential in this multi-tiered house, enables Mr. Wolff to answer the door and to admit callers from any point in the house. Notable art objects command interest in the living room—including a massive metal sculpture by Peter Voulkos, which rests atop the sheet music cabinet, *opposite page, below left;* and an embroidered wall hanging by Victoria Solaini Baker, *opposite page, right,* over living room sofa.



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In immense living room, grand piano is predominant focal point



Hi-fi is electronics marvel



Custom cabinet houses sheet music



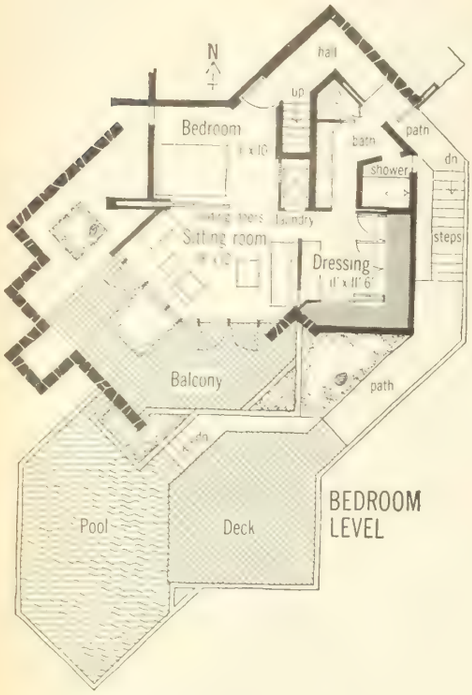
Library end of living room is luxuriously appointed retreat with its wall of books, bountiful seating, soothing lighting

Abstract sculpture is pivotally placed between living, dining rooms



Dropped ceiling creates intimacy in small dining alcove





MASTER BEDROOM: IVORY TOWER WITH A WORLDLY VIEW

Mr. Wolff's bed-sitting room, three levels down from the carport entrance, yet still high enough on the hillside to be an aerie, is a full suite, actually, with a dressing room, bath, tiny laundry and a balcony hung above the Los Angeles hills like the observation deck of a ship (see plan, *left*). Here, Mr. Wolff is very privately the king of his little mountain. When he wants the apartness of a conventional bedroom, he pulls three sliding panels from a recess next to his bed and encloses the bed alcove—and himself—in easy quietude. A narrow louver window next to the bed provides air; the bath is just around the corner. At other times, with the sliding doors back in their pocket, bed and sitting sections of the room are melded into a pleasant sweep of space that extends, visually, to the farthest reaches of the cityscape beyond.

Fond of texture, Mr. Wolff chose three contrasting treatments for his walls: the bed wall and window are both hung with deep blue felt, as are two of the doors in the dressing room. Another wall of the bed alcove is covered with heavy oatmeal paper—nice contrast to the blue felt—and the rest of the room is paneled in bleached oak truck flooring, handsomely grained and made up of 1-inch strips scored in 8-inch boards. The sliding alcove doors, when pulled, present a façade of dark green felt to both alcove and sitting room. Against this background of rich darkness and bright paleness, Mr. Wolff lives in a warm eddy of oranges and copper—burnt orange for bedcover and headboard (for reading in bed, it has drop-down arms and a tilting back), a mixture of orange, copper and sienna for the wall-to-wall carpeting, and deep bronze-gold curtains which cover the balcony's glass wall and pull to completely shut out sunlight—or let it in. Occasionally, and very easily, the sitting room is given over to a guest—another reason for the sliding alcove doors and a second entrance to the bath from the sitting room. A sleep sofa covered in heavy natural linen takes care of the bedding-down, and an eighteenth-century Italian desk has plenty of drawer space for visiting shirts and linen.

Mr. Wolff's wardrobe is housed entirely in a spendid dressing room fitted to the nine's with drawers, compartments, luggage and shoe storage and double-rodded closets so clothes may be hung in two tiers. Equally splendid, the compartmented bath next door has a step-down shower big enough, deep enough, to function as a tub, and a beautifully lighted, marble-topped dressing cabinet with crystal and silver plumbing fittings and an oak-doored medicine cabinet at each end. The laundry is tucked into a cubicle between the bed alcove and the bath. With the door closed, a louvered panel provides ventilation when the combination washer-dryer is going full steam, and the door itself also holds a pull-out, two-way laundry hamper that is filled from one side, emptied from the other into the adjacent washing machine.



Louvered dressing room doors jackknife; felt doors slide



Hall door, open, fits in recess



Two steps lead down to shower, tub



Clothes hamper is part of laundry door

Sitting room balcony has a parapet of railroad ties, a telescope for stargazing

EZRA STOLLER

Lavatory-counter is lighted like a theatre dressing table



Furniture blends modern comfort with eighteenth-century antiques



TOM YEE

Garden Rooms inaugurate a gay new trend in decoration that brings the outdoors in

There is something new under the American rooftree—a room that reflects our perennial love of the outdoors and our special brand of lighthearted decorating that is admired and adopted all over the world. This latest addition to the roster of uniquely American rooms—first introduced by H&G in 1962 (when we dubbed it a "garden living room") and incorporated into our 1964 House of Ideas—is a sheltered but visually unconfined space filled with plants and flowering trees, ease-inducing furniture and sky-wide views. Evergreen, all-weather, many-purposed, the garden room transcends the serenity of the lanai, the openness of the terrace, the leafiness of the conservatory and the practicality of the family room. Infinitely flexible, it is the room in which a family can gather to hear music or to dance, to dine or to sip a soda. The garden room's intrinsically sunny spirit and close kinship with nature adds new scope and beauty to any house, whatever its age, style, size or situation (two of the examples on these pages were found in a New England Colonial house and a one-time farmhouse in New York State).

Garden rooms are a feat of ingenuity and often of technology. They may evolve from walling in a porch, roofing an already existent terrace, remodeling or, of course, building from scratch. The walls are mostly glass panels that slide back to invite in the poignant promise of spring air or, just as purposefully, shut tight against winter's chill. Garden room decoration has a certain universality. Like forest creatures with protective coloring, the furnishings blend with the outdoors, with blue sky and white clouds, green leaves and earth tones, and are sparked by occasional and brilliant bursts of accent color that match garden flowers in their intensity. Garden room floors are made of stalwart, care-free materials—slate, polished brick and stone, planking, terrazzo and frequently tile, a cool, easy-to-care-for material with a long tradition of indoor-outdoor use. Lighting in garden rooms is often so refined in design that it "disappears" discreetly into walls and ceiling while illuminating the room and its green, growing foliage in varying intensities.

One of the chief charms of the garden room is its refusal to be stereotyped. It may be furnished with wrought iron, with inlaid oriental furniture, with antiques or reproductions, and, while bowing to no particular style, achieves an over-all ambiance that is invitingly contemporary, as you will see on the following pages.

GARDEN DINING ROOM added to a New England Colonial house brings space, light and a wide-angle view to the formerly closed-in living room. A wall with two French windows was replaced by sliding glass doors and the new room linked to the old by a color scheme of black, white and earth tones that echoes the Paisley pattern of the living room slipcovers. The garden room, where the family dines and entertains, has a skylight to admit sun, glimpses of sky. Interior design by Edward Benesch for Mr. and Mrs. Gustave L. Levy's house in Armonk, N. Y.



PLEASURE GARDEN ROOM, part of a brand-new, contemporary dining and kitchen wing built onto a once rather shut-in old farmhouse in Lewisboro, N. Y., enjoys a luxurious feeling of space and a shimmering green hillside close-up. Floor-to-ceiling glass doors, a stone floor that appears to be a continuation of paving bordering the rock garden, and cotton upholstery that repeats the colors of flowers and foliage make house and garden one. Totally unexpected and enormously effective in this simple setting are benches and tables inlaid with mother-of-pearl that were made from the aprons and legs of a huge oriental banquet table. Their ground-hugging lines let the view reign supreme and give an illusion of height to the room, low-ceilinged to match the scale of the traditional farmhouse. This room, which bears an expert's stamp, is in the weekend house of fashion designer Pauline Trigère.



MARGERIN
TOM LEONARD



GARDEN SITTING ROOM, *above*, is a one-time sun porch now enclosed by glass walls and put to year-round use. The original stucco wall of the house is disguised by leopard suede cloth, a rug warms the slate floor. Sofas double as guest beds and the leather box that acts as a coffee table also stores linens. House of designer Erica Lemle, Hewlitt Harbor, N. Y.

GARDEN STUDY, *left*, evolved from an open back porch. Glass doors and windows overlooking a terrace and garden of evergreens and flowers, leaf-printed fabric, awning-striped blinds, give the room a perpetual outdoor atmosphere. Fireplace keeps it snug in winter. Interior design by James Child Morse for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tomlinson Jr., High Point, N. C.

GARDEN LIVING ROOM, *opposite page*, extends an outgrown one-story contemporary house for large-scale entertaining and family leisure. Orange, camellia and fig trees and house plants set in earth-filled brick planters around the room are kept flourishing by sun streaming through skylights. Interior design by Norman McD. Foster for Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Harrison, Corpus Christi, Tex. Architect: William Stalter.





FRED LYON

GARDEN ROOMS
continued

GARDEN GALLERY, *above*, is as inviting as an orangerie, as cool as the terrace and pool it overlooks. A sweep of ceramic tile, a minimum of furniture (rattan informally combined with reproductions), plants, sculpture and a green-and-white color scheme endow this room with an airy grace. Summer home of Mrs. Bruce Kelham, Napa Valley, Calif. Interior designer: Vail Kasper. Architect: Gardner Dailey.

GARDEN FAMILY ROOM, *opposite page*, has a deceptively delicate mien—the tile floor and white linen slipcovers are eminently washable. Soda fountain and bar in niche make this a family center, so decorative touches (such as inset tiles salvaged from Hearst's San Simeon) are on or near walls to free floor space. House of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Martin Jr., Hillsborough, Calif. Associate architects: Charles Porter and Robert Steinwedell.





The greenhouses of the Duke Gardens Foundation give one fabulous answer to the query: What makes a garden great?

EXCITEMENT UNDER GLASS

These reborn greenhouses in Somerville, N.J., are a practical manifestation of the vitality of fine plants, dramatically arranged, rather than a symbol of a vanished day—which they also are. In a series of interconnecting greenhouses Miss Doris Duke has created never-never gardens that echo the glories of the world's horticulture. On this page, the Japanese garden, subdued and subtle. *Opposite page:* one end of the French garden, with lattice arching over wondrous parterres of tulips, pansies and pillared ivy.

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PERFECTION UNDER GLASS

Perfection may be impossible in theory, but once every so often you run across it in practice. It is an essential, although not exclusive, quality of greatness, which is hard to define, but instantly recognizable when you find it—in gardens as well as people. Miss Doris Duke's incredible greenhouse gardens in Somerville, N.J., attain not only a heady kind of perfection (someone else will have to spot the flaws if there are any), but the quality of greatness that undeniably stems from it. Sweeping landscapes containing plant collections that are the archetype of classic excellence and natural beauty now fill what only six years ago was a glass-covered wasteland. (The horticultural luxuriance that once distinguished this vast greenhouse range—more than a score of separate but interconnecting structures—gradually vanished over the span of two generations. And by 1958, when Miss Duke determined to create a whole new garland of gardens, the gaping aisles contained nothing more important than pumpkins.) Now there are a dozen or more distinct gardens, varying in size from 100 square feet to the dimension of an ample house lot. Each is complete in itself; each is at a peak of perfection (there is that word again) the year round; each contains not only the finest of conventional greenhouse plants, but most of the choicest outdoor garden and landscape plants as well. Among special and unique attributes of the gardens is the way in which they reflect the garden traditions of many countries and times, plus the meticulous way they have been created and are maintained. They are open to the public by appointment.

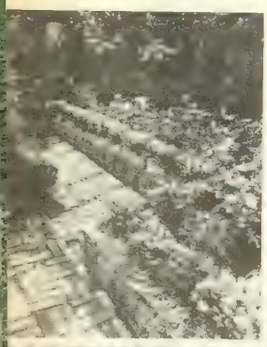




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The English garden, long and relatively narrow, begins in a brick-edged holly and rose bed, *left,* and leads into color-filled twin flower border, *below, left.*



Hardy border plants (and some not so hardy) are kept in constant rotation in the English garden. At its far end are several transitional plantings. One, the Succulent garden, *above,* Miss Duke set with swirls of bright rosettes in marble chips.

The French garden *(right,* and page 119) is a classic of parterre design, traditional to its roots, and stunning from vaulted roof to lowliest path. Beds are constantly changed.





MAGIC UNDER GLASS

All good gardens tend to outdo nature; only the great ones tend to improve upon it. So far from being heresy, this simply says that by means of understanding, selection, refinement, use of proper scale and focus, the total beauty of the garden is made immediately apparent to the beholder. The Duke glass gardens carry this process of selection and enhancement to heights beyond the reach of most individuals and all but a very few institutions in the world today. You would, for example, need to travel halfway around the world to see anything comparable to the Mogul garden, *right*, with its crystal clear stream falling in twinkling steps over candlelit niches and between two rows of impeccable planting. Its tracery screens are easily reminiscent, of course, of the Taj Mahal. But this garden is even more astonishing than that fabled structure because of its exquisite scale, and the fact that it is, after all, inside a big but quite ordinary greenhouse. Few cactus collections (stuffy word) this side of Arizona can offer anything like the prickly beauties (lovely phrase) of the Desert garden, *below left*—even in large quantities, let alone in one's and two's. To be sure, both of these gardens, like most of the others at Somerville, are very special. They were created by, and satisfy the individual preferences of, their particular owner, who has an intimate acquaintance with the far corners of the world and a willingness to seek out precisely the plant, the statue, the design, the artifact that will best suit the purpose at hand. With willingness and knowledge goes the capability. And while the latter varies from gardener to gardener, no garden, large or small, is ever truly great without it.

The Knot garden, *below*, is an intricate complex of herbs in a traditional form.



The Desert garden, *below*, contains, in supernaturalistic arrangement, most of America's own handsome dramatic succulent plants.

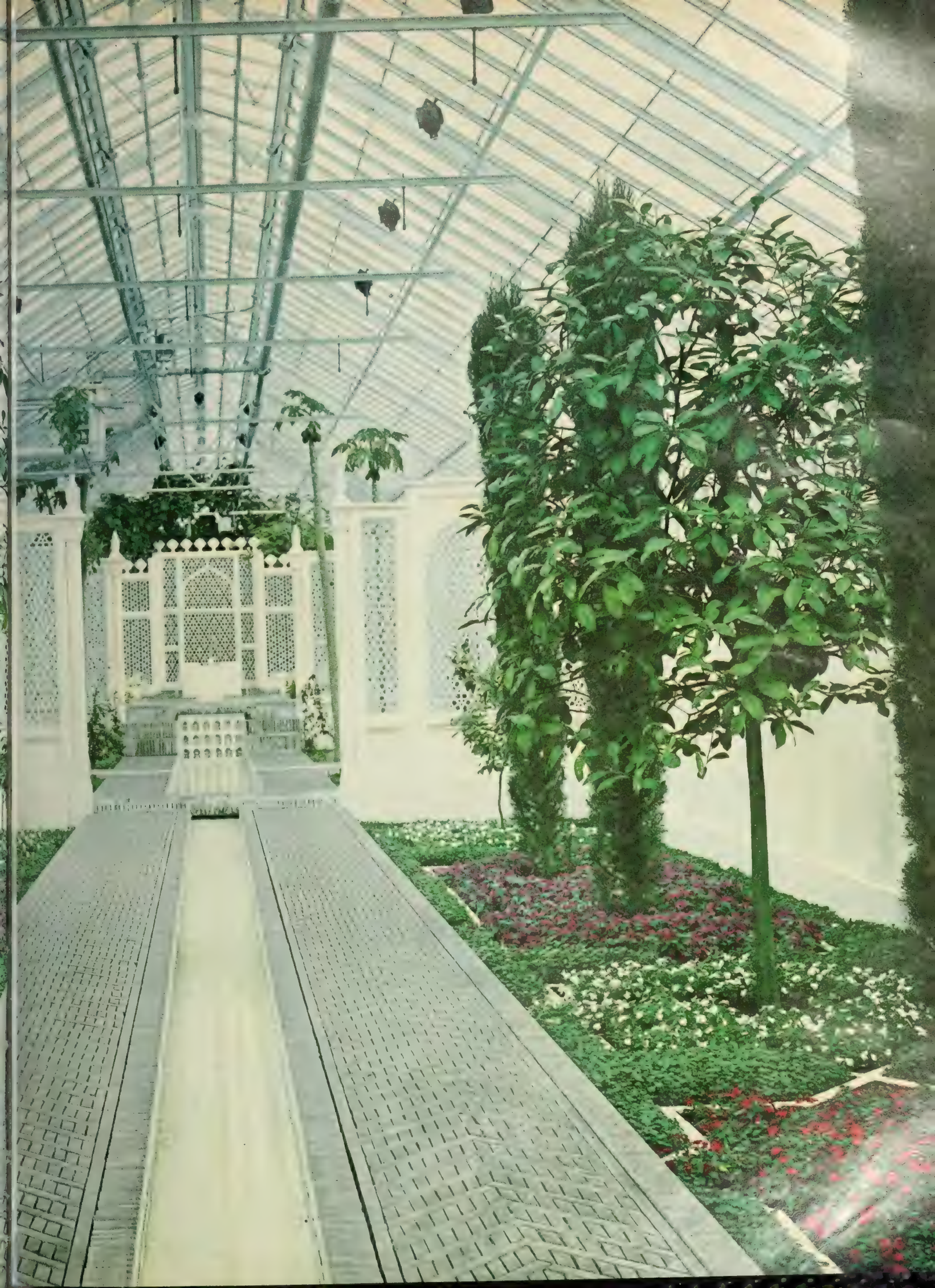




The Tropical garden, *right*, Hawaiian in inspiration, includes plants from tropical regions the world over.

The Mogul garden, *opposite page*, looks as though it had been transported bodily from the Orient. But most of it was obtained locally, even the specially cut bricks and plastic screen.

For more about the Duke gardens, see page 154.



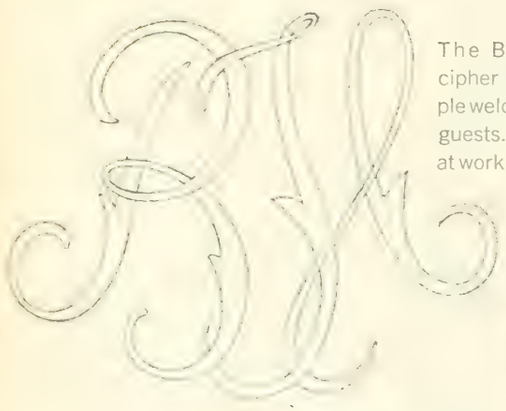


Centered F is for Ford, the last name in this intertwined cipher with a little cushion of flowers.

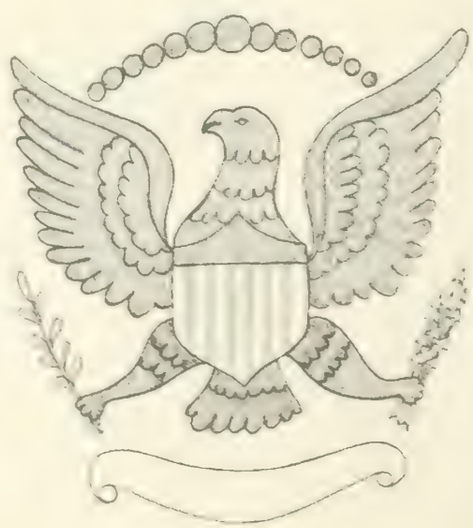
MONOGRAMMING Rx FOR BED AND BATH

Few things give a bedroom and a bathroom more personal cachet than a well-designed monogram of the right size in the right spot. (Shower curtains, bath rugs and bedspreads, curiously enough, are better left pristine. They gain nothing from monogramming but an air of hotel bravura.) A monogram is also particularly apt when it echoes its owner's personality—either through color, design or a subtle little accent like the addition, for a woman, of a favorite flower. A man, naturally, will not care at all for lilies of the valley wreathed through his name, but if he is an entomologist, say, he might be utterly delighted with a beetle. If you like your family crest and it is embroiderable, by all means use it. And your child will never play hob with the guest towels if his first name is spelled in neat script across the bottom of his own.

TWO DISTINGUISHED MONOGRAMS



The Blair House cipher spells a simple welcome to V.I.P. guests. (See cipher at work on page 95.)



The famous old eagle of the Presidential Seal spreads authoritative wings in the private apartments of the White House.

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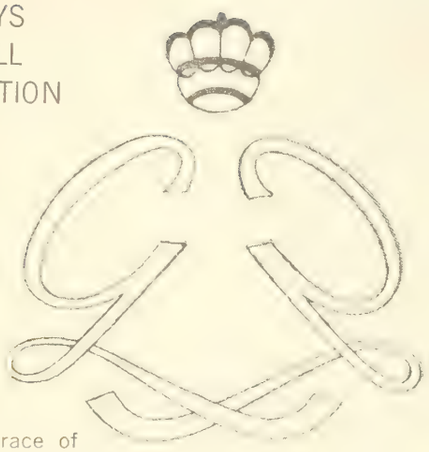
A sampling of the infinite variety possible in monogramming, these bathroom signatures (coupled with a bouquet of pretty accessories) run the gamut from a highly personalized cipher—the beetle monogram worked in orange and H&G's Espresso on Verdian green (this one's for an entomologist)—to a forthright "Kris" in red on a boldly striped towel, fine for a young boy. He could still use it when he goes to college. For a man who wants no nonsense hung on his towel rack, the S.M.D. states its case with a period after each initial—good decorative punctuation. The circular, intertwined cipher on the Jade green towel is probably the most elegant of the lot, yet its ADE is perfectly easy to read. The Tiger Lily EB-MH is a hyphenated name. Although the letters are all the same height, the last initials are placed at center (a slight breaking of rules) for balanced design. The cipher on the little beige towel, CMB, is a pretty example of what serifs can do for a monogram; the bold EBR on the towel below it is made even bolder with a Greek key border, and the pink-and-white towel was woven expressly to provide a frame for its Cyclamen and gray JTP. Towels from Martex, J. P. Stevens, Cannon, Fieldcrest, Callaway, Dundee and Morgan-Jones. Monogramming by Smith & Weigler. Shopping information page 155.


EB-MH
EBR
EBR
S.M.D.
Kris

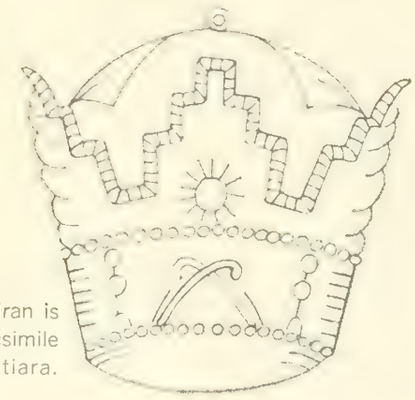
MONOGRAMMING *continued*

We enjoy a certain freedom today with regard to monogramming that transcends the once *de rigueur* labyrinth of initials so tortuously intertwined as to be quite undecipherable. Men in particular have come to like block letters in bold, legible capitals. Most women prefer something a little more fanciful—with the sky, almost, the limit. Serifs make a pretty contribution, as do highlights and shadows in contrasting colors. A flower or butterfly worked into a cipher is charming. So is a little spray of flowers used as a "flourish" for the monogram. If you like intertwined initials, have them; just be sure they are worked carefully enough to provide clear identification. And if you fancy lower-case letters, they can be very effective on finger-tip towels, a child's washcloth—even your own. In any event, if you like letters all of the same height, they should run in order—first, middle and last initial. But if the center initial (called the principal) is to be larger, the last initial is used at center, with the first and middle initials at either side. On sheets, the monogram is placed in the center and, as a rule, below the border and in reverse so it shows when the sheet is turned back. Pillowcases are monogrammed near their border. Just for a change, H&G tried running the letters vertically instead of horizontally and found them not only easier to read, but graphically more interesting. As for color, you can let yourself go. The resources of a large monogramming firm are so vast that practically any color in the spectrum can be matched. And the work is so comprehensive and so perfectly detailed that you can have anything embroidered from a tiny abc to a chrysanthemum to a coat of arms—right down to the last lion rampant.

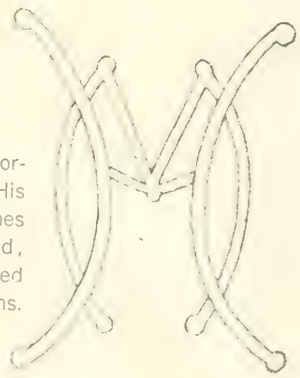
SIX WAYS TO SPELL DISTINCTION



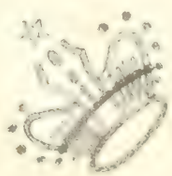
Princess Grace of Monaco's cipher interlaces two G's—one inside out—beneath a tiny crown.



The Shah of Iran is known by a facsimile of the royal tiara.



King Hussein of Jordan likes variety. His linen is sometimes monogrammed, sometimes crested with golden crowns.





Caneel Bay Plantation spells itself out atop the classic whorled capital of an Ionic column.

Opposite page

1. Contemporary block letters in H&G's Blueberry Blue spell GBS (the great Shaw would have liked this) on a sheet and pillowcase of deep gold with a vertical working of pillowcase cipher at a point three quarters the width of the case. To cool the gold, but warm the snoozer, a throw in Blueberry Blue. Pepperell sheets and pillowcases, mohair throw by Einiger.

2. For a contemporary bedroom with turn-of-the-century accents, a shell pink sheet and pillowcase are embroidered with an *art nouveau* cipher that encloses the initials in a cartouche of ribbons holding a butterfly and a lotus. Depending on one's favorite flora and fauna, the design could be adapted ad infinitum for a highly personal cachet. Fieldcrest sheets and pillowcases.

3. For a man, and sharp as the glint of sun on water, brightly striped blue-and-white percale is monogrammed with narrow block letters in H&G's Citrus. Horizontal on the sheet, vertical on the pillowcase, the cipher is enclosed in a neat rectangular frame. The same design would adapt to a handkerchief or shirt for a cipher-bent man. Cannon sheets and pillowcases.

4. For a lady who breakfasts in bed and quite frankly adores frippery, what is prettier than a white sheet and pillowcase, elaborately embroidered with olive green borders and just as fancifully ciphered in the same color. Here, elegant curlicues are a must. Wamsutta sheets and pillowcase, blanket by Fieldcrest. All monogramming on this page by Smith & Weigler.

SHOPPING INFORMATION



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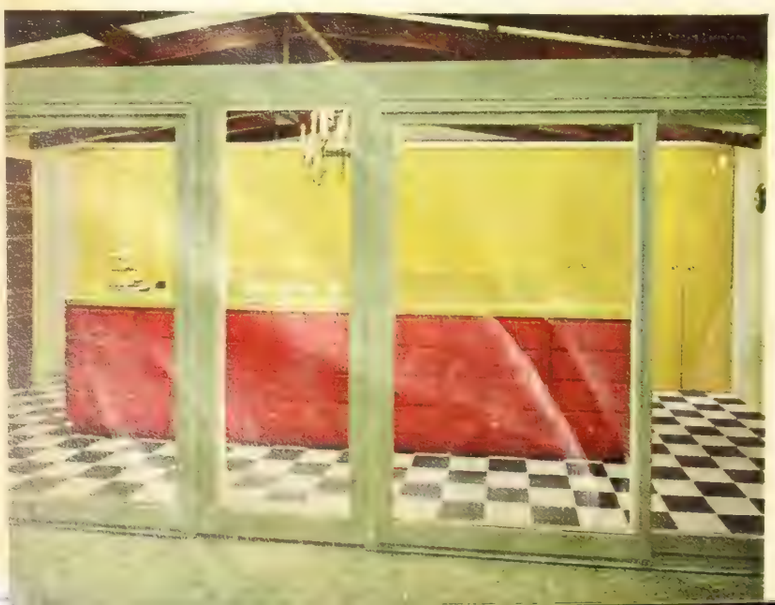


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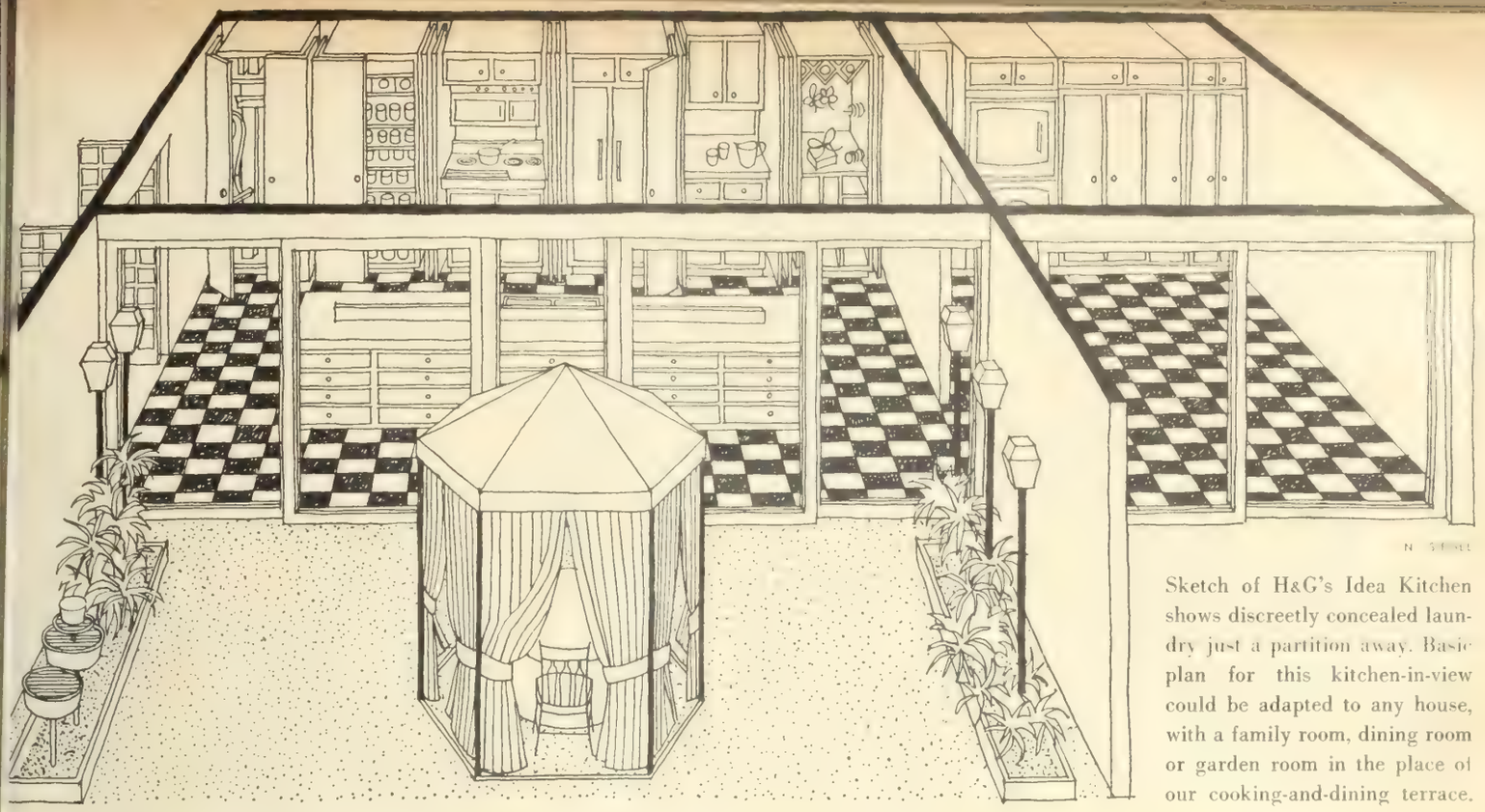


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THE DISAPPEARING



A patio's eyeview, *left*, of the disappearing kitchen shows it closed and ready to serve forth dessert and coffee. Vanished are all signs of the rigors of the day's work involved in preparing a dinner party for four as well as maintaining regular household duties such as cleaning, organizing the pantry, taking time out to wrap a gift for a child or a friend. The island that flanks the working wall has a splash back along its center so that the mixing center, sink and dishwasher opposite the built-in range, *above*, are obscured completely from patio viewers. The rest of the island stores small appliances, cooking equipment and the linens, silverware, trays and china needed for both indoor and outdoor entertaining.



Sketch of H&G's Idea Kitchen shows discreetly concealed laundry just a partition away. Basic plan for this kitchen-in-view could be adapted to any house, with a family room, dining room or garden room in the place of our cooking-and-dining terrace.

The only mystery attached to the case of the disappearing kitchen is why it was not thought of before. With the increasing trend to glassed-in houses, the kitchen, which has been called the "crossroads" of the house, assumes a more difficult and even more prominent role. To be superbly functional, sublimely decorative, scrupulously neat and virtually nonexistent are the ideal properties of the contemporary kitchen. With these goals in mind, H&G, in co-operation with the American Gas Association and Whitehall Cabinets, Inc., designed a kitchen of peerless practicality, stocked with every worthwhile appliance, generous in storage space, completely in the swing of things when dinner is cooking and miraculously in order when it is over. The secret weapon used to make appliances and other equipment appear and disappear is none other than everyone's old acquaintance, the closet door. Shut tight, the view from the outdoor cooking and dining terrace discloses a series of ceiling-high cabinet doors facing a 13-foot drawer-filled sink-and-storage island. Open, with the doors slid back on the ball-bearing tracks that partition the components of the 20-foot cooking wall, the on-duty kitchen reveals a broom closet, pantry, range, refrigerator and freezer, and even a year-round package-wrapping alcove.

H&G's Idea Kitchen this year also puts an emphasis on drawers rather than cabinets for stacking china—a recognition that today's well-pruned, well-organized storage, ample but not unlimited, no longer needs four whole walls. The stress on centralized planning and the idea of having cooking facilities, kitchen and dining equipment in a pivotal area enable the cook of the household to prepare a meal while virtually standing in one spot. Carved redwood doors, a wrought-iron chandelier, the checkerboard tile floor by Amtico, and sweeping gliding doors by Andersen tinge this kitchen with a subtle sophistication that is carried through by the flamenco color scheme in H&G's Curry, Black Pearl, Antique Gold and Tangerine.

KITCHEN

H&G's 1965 Idea Kitchen hides its talents behind closed doors when it is not in use

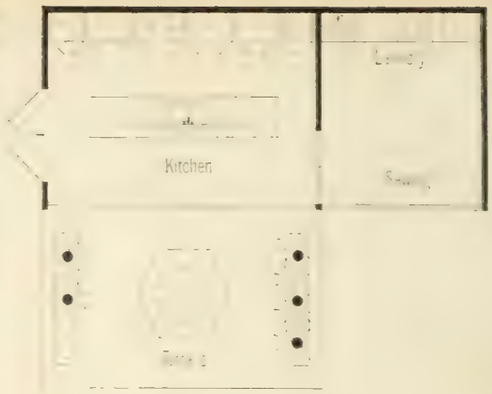




Outdoor gas grills, *left*, act as a second cooking center. A three-position burner control adjusts flame under ceramic briquettes for broiling, roasting, baking, smoke cooking. Lid (not seen) converts grill into oven; step-up rack keeps rolls warm or casserole hot while meat broils. Nostalgic gas street lamps provide light for cooking, dinners served with style in a portable, canvas-curtained gazebo, *right*.



1



Floor plan of terrace, kitchen and laundry stresses simplicity, ease of movement.



2

THE DISAPPEARING KITCHEN

continued

Dishwashing and general food preparation are tended to on the sink side of the island, **1,** an easy turn away from the facing range and refrigerator-freezer. The handsome and generously proportioned stainless steel triple sink by Elkay indulges the cook with such special features as a vegetable draining basket and cutting board and a built-in NuTone center for blending, mixing and knife-sharpening attachments. Drawers on the dining side of the island, **2,** are resourceful substitutes for regulation china cabinets. Dishes are stacked and protected in drawers lined with quilted, padded vinyl; drawers for silver have a lining of tarnish-preventive felt. All the components of place settings, including place mats, place cards and holders and candles can be neatly filed here. Pantry closet, **3,** is tiered with shelves that assemble dry and canned goods, spices, pet foods and paper toweling and napkins. Center, swing-out tier contains twenty-eight shelves, 3½ inches deep and graduating in height from 6 to 12 inches. The broom closet, with an adjustable shelf, **4,** is pegboard-lined for hanging up the bulky cleaning equipment required to keep a house immaculate as well as tidy.

For shopping information, see page 155.



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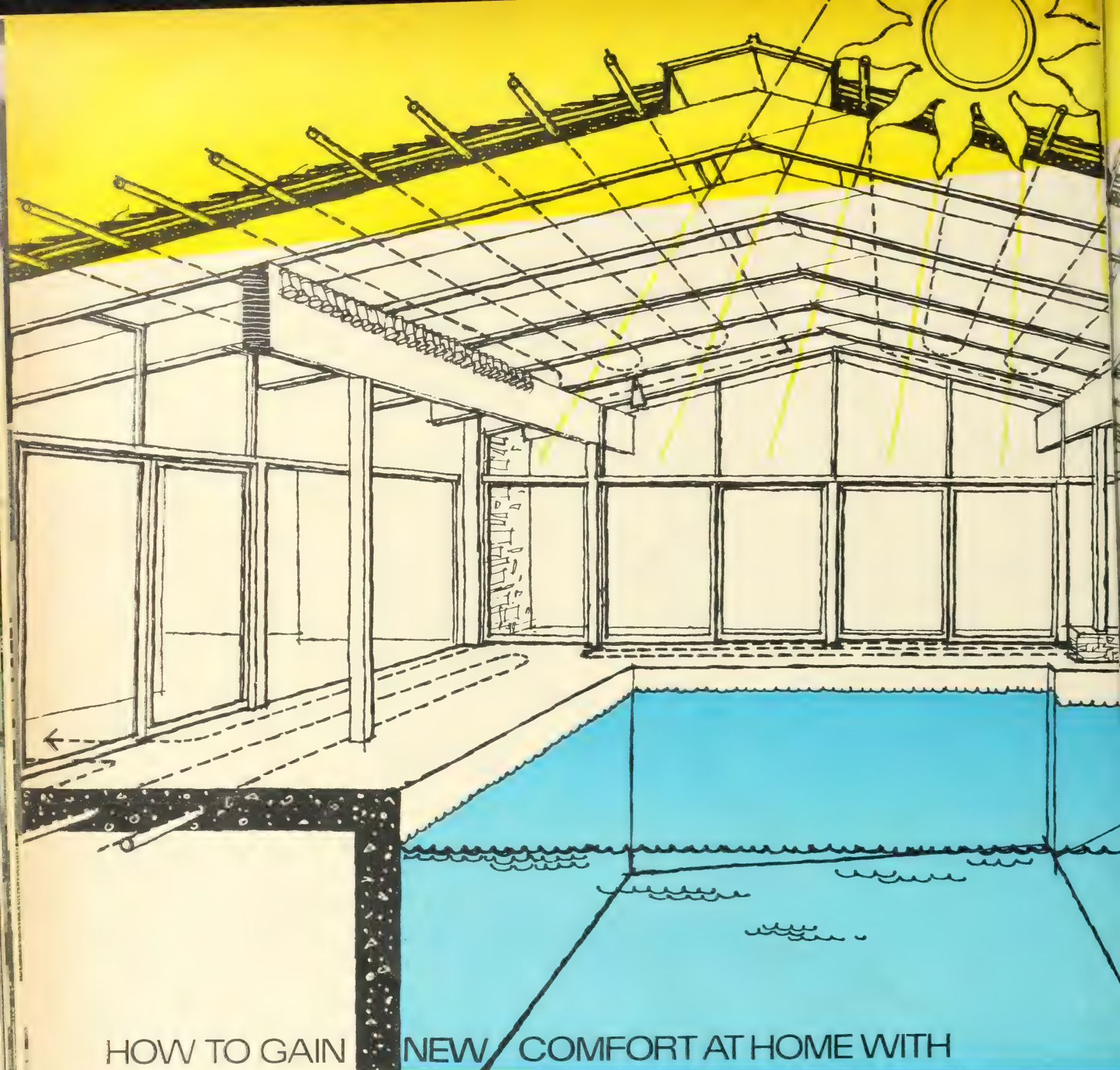
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Year-round gift wrapping is effortless with an easy-to-construct alcove, **5**, that makes use of such standard kitchen cabinet equipment as a tray storage rack and a deep drawer for pan lids, plus pegboard, hooks and a wine rack, of all things—here put to work as a holder for rolls of gift wrapping. The bottom part of the alcove is composed of a vertical tray rack for bright-colored shopping bags, a deep drawer and sliding linen trays for flat gift wrapping. In the upper part, hooks on the pegboard lining hold spools of colored ribbon, tie-ons, gift tags, ruler, T-square, Scotch tape and bright yarns (a delightful way to decorate a small child's package). A large bracket on the back wall stores collapsible folding boxes designed in H&G Colors by Von Miklos. In five different designs and five sizes scaled and shaped to hold anything from neckties and scarves to cakes and cookies, these boxes are self-decorated and need no further wrapping. (Two types of box are shown on the island, one striped, the other with a trompe-l'oeil ribbon. The larger box is big enough to hold the fresh-baked stollen.) With every last bit of gift-wrapping material in such apple-pie order (wine rack storage ensures that half-used tissue stays rolled without so much as a rubber band), gift wrapping is a constant joy.

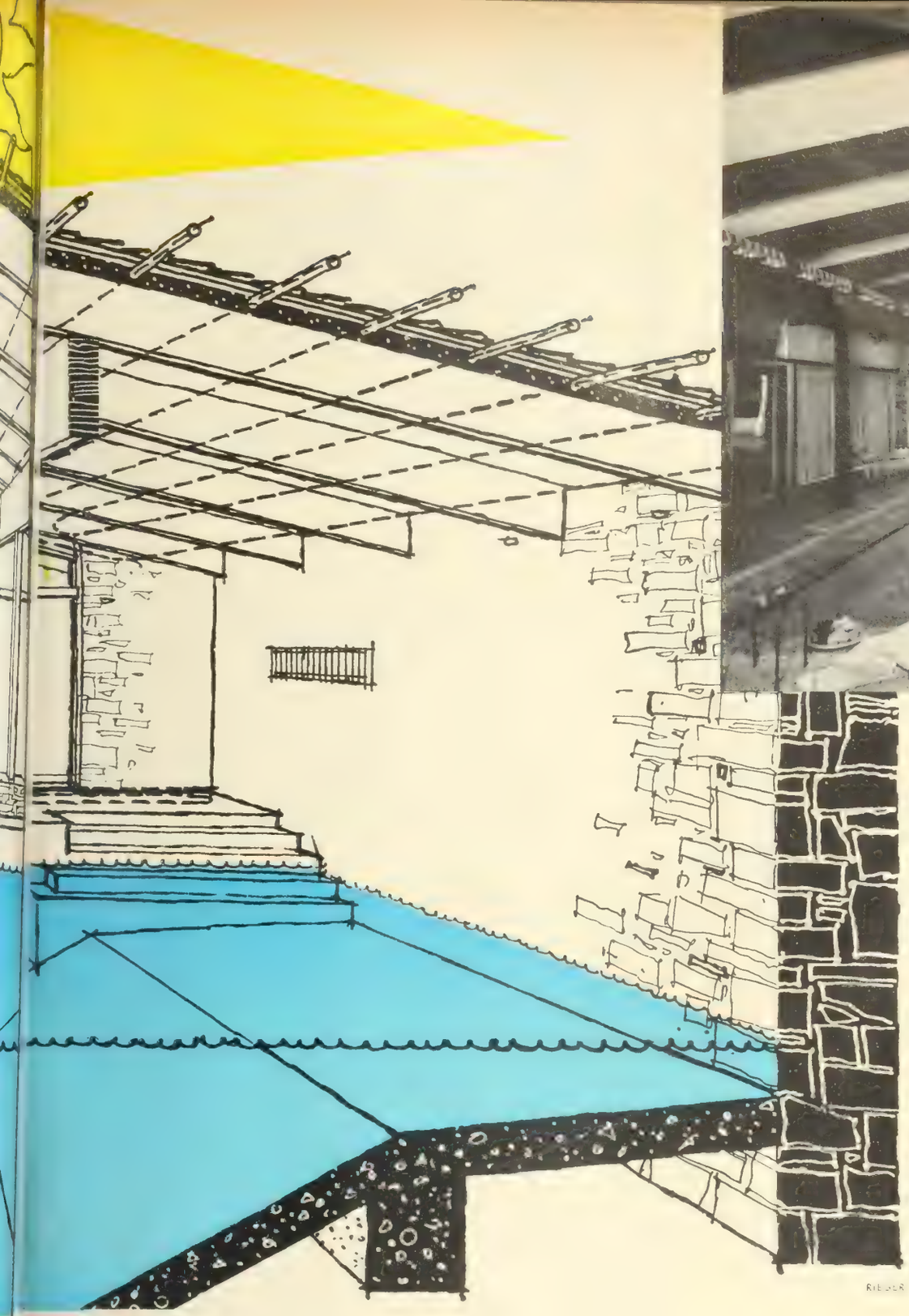
Kitchen in full swing illustrates the accessibility of all strategic parts. While vegetables are washed and prepared on the island sink, a wonderfully compact Tappan range with side-by-side eye-level ovens can be baking and broiling at one time, **6.** The hideaway gas cooking top that pulls out from under the ovens like a shelf has four burners, a hardwood cutting board and a steel plate to hold hot pans or casseroles taken from the oven. When not in use, the entire "shelf" slides back into the unit as though it were another drawer. To the right of the ovens (the larger has a built-in rotisserie that revolves appetizingly behind the glass door) is the Tappan refrigerator-freezer combination, a handy placement since the most accomplished cooks are now apt to use frozen foods along with fresh ingredients in their gourmet dishes or to have a loaf of homemade bread ready to go from freezer to oven. Twin doors open to reveal an 11.9 cubic-foot refrigerator and a 7.7 cubic-foot freezer, a close alliance which illustrates the new status achieved by the freezer (once a bulky appliance banished to either the basement or back porch) since it has become sufficiently slimmed down to share wall space with the refrigerator. 6



HOW TO GAIN NEW COMFORT AT HOME WITH

CONDITIONED CLIMATE

With today's superbly competent heating and air conditioning systems you can build unparalleled comforts into your house. Besides achieving a perfect year-round climate, you can now enjoy such intriguing extras as a heated indoor pool with sun-bathing gallery, bathroom floors warm as toast, even heated summer-prolonging outdoor terraces. You will learn how in the next three pages—the first of a special series on "the anatomy" of a house. In coming months we will outline the exciting possibilities offered by the newest advances in water systems and electrical wiring.





A SPA FOR ALL SEASONS

The Thaws' pool house is the rich reward of a remarkable heating and cooling system. Measuring 35 feet by 45 feet, it adds up to a lot of space to warm, cool and ventilate with no change in climatic mood from the rest of the house. Nature helps: In winter, the sun's low rays help appreciably to warm paving, water and air. Pool water channeled in pipes to the equipment room next door borrows heat from the floor coils thus utilizing and storing excess sun heat. Lacking sun, a series of pipes in the ceiling warm the room with radiant heat and pool water is heated directly by the central boiler. Moisture condensation, the bane of indoor pools, is kept under control by a gentle sweep of air constantly admitted through a wall register equipped with a fan to draw in fresh air —warmed in winter by a hot-water coil connected to the heating system. A bank of heat lamps at the ceiling bathes a lounging area with "sunshine." Except for the tinted skylight, all the glass is insulating.

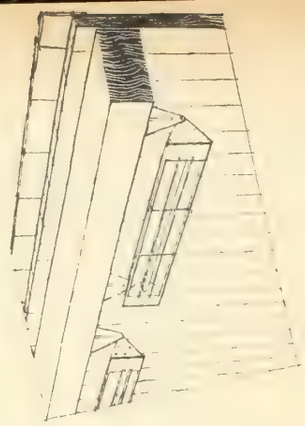
Man's search for ideal comfort probably goes back to the first human being who had sense enough to get in out of the open and sleep in a cave. The Roman emperors were cleverer: They not only cooled their palaces with snow brought down from the mountains and banked against the outer walls, but also enjoyed a very good version of a central heating system—an air channel under the floor connected to an outdoor fireplace. Today, although most of us can be warm or cool at the twist of a thermostat, climate conditioning by no means ends there. For example, the house on these pages dramatizes a wondrous new range of attainable creature comforts. In West Hartford, Conn., it was designed by Cliff May for Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw. And because Dr. Thaw had never been happy with the air conditioning in his offices in town, he also commissioned architectural designer Henry Wright to work with Mr. May and design a climate system that would not only warm and cool, but do everything possible conducive to health, comfort, the preservation of possessions within the house and the preservation of the house itself —right down to its framework.

The fact that all of these benefits are incorporated in Dr. Thaw's house points toward a time near at hand when all of us can enjoy them. In fact, we can all have a version of this exemplary system right now—if we know what to ask for. It is perfectly possible to be free (and not at prohibitive expense, either) of climate conditioning's most persistent enemies: excessive dryness in winter, moisture in summer. We need not be beset with drafts and curious changes in temperature as we move from room to room. We need not be plagued with dirt, that city-dwelling nemesis, nor do we have to put up with the quite uncalled for rumble of air conditioning machinery.

Here, and on the following two pages, Dr. Thaw's house illustrates exactly how superlative design and engineering know-how were combined to conquer nature's climatic vagaries, and how they can be adapted through equipment now available to anyone's needs.



FOR THE WARMEST WELCOME



Electric heating units set into the eaves over front door, *left*, and rear terrace, *right*, warm guests, melt snow, dry rain and make picking up mail a wintertime pleasure.



HEATED TERRACE FOR CHILLY DAYS

CONDITIONED CLIMATE: THE ABC'S

The cost, performance, advantages, feeding and care of the basic elements

How much does it cost? Despite inflationary trends, a good heating-air conditioning system costs less today that it did ten years ago. There are several good reasons: Manufacturing methods have improved, contractors and installers are more experienced and competition is brisker among the top manufacturers. A good system for year-round heating and cooling installed in a new house today should amount to only about 5 per cent of the total cost of the house. If you are remodeling, the cost will be a little higher since you must pay for old equipment to be torn down as well as new equipment to be installed in its place.

What to look and ask for: Architects and builders don't, as a rule, discuss equipment in detail (other than type and cost of fuel) because, curiously enough, the client is not sufficiently interested. Any reform, consequently, is up to you. If you are building a house, pin down your architect or builder and demand specific data. If you are looking at a ready-built house, ask the salesman to explain the system—not in terms of engineering, but results: how, in short, you and your possessions will be affected. If he doesn't know, insist on speaking to the contractor who installed the equipment. Ask if, and how, the air is cleaned and whether there is humidity control. Arrange to see the house without other people milling about so that you can judge whether the system is noisy or drafty. Make a note of where the registers or radiators are located. Unless expertly placed, they can play hob with furniture arrangement.

How air is heated: Your house will be equipped with either a furnace, a boiler, a heat pump or electric heating outlets. A furnace is basically a kind of box in which air is heated and forced by a fan through ducts that lead to each major room in the house. A boiler heats water (rather like a giant teakettle) which a pump drives through pipes to radiators. A heat pump—a relatively new idea—both heats and cools. For the heating cycle, air is warmed by the heat pump action and delivered through ducts. Electric heating outlets are not concentrated in one spot, as is a furnace, but are simply plugged in to each room as they are required.

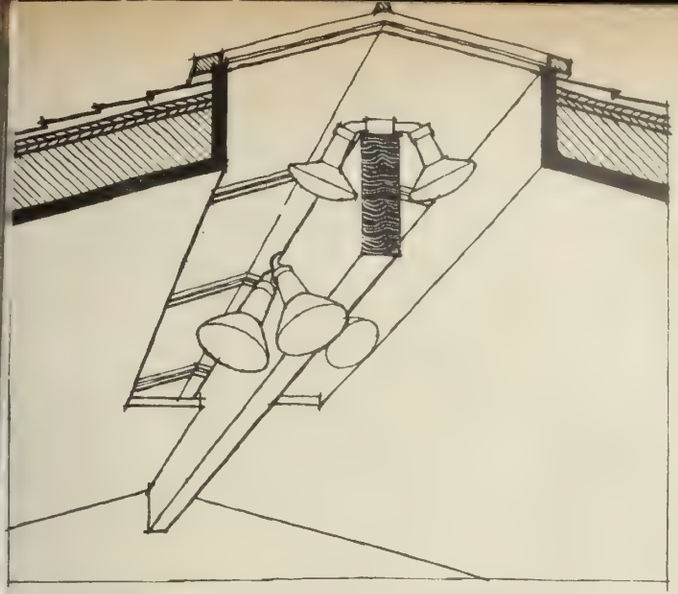
How air is cooled: If your house is heated by a furnace, an additional air-cooling unit can be installed alongside it. The two are inseparable, in fact, if you expect to enjoy a perfect year-round climate within your house. The cool air is sent through the same ducts that deliver warm air (if the system is properly designed with both heating and cooling in mind.) If you have a boiler, a chiller unit is installed next to it and cool water is driven through the same pipes used for hot water. With a heat pump, the same equipment that produces warm air is reversed to produce cool air. No new equipment is needed. With electric heating, a separate cooling system is required—employing either chilled water or cooled air.

The necessary refinements: The most important contributor to a comfortable winter is a system with humidity control. Artificially heated air is *dry* air. This dryness is detrimental to our health, our furniture, our bookbindings and musical instruments. So, whatever your system, insist on humidity control. Usually, this means simply installing a humidifier (it's about the size of a small suitcase) as part of the basic system. The unit can be added to any house already built, and there are portable humidifiers for apartments.

Another important factor is a good filtering unit to keep the air clean. In some installations these filters are built into the system, in others they can be added. Just be sure that your climate conditioning system has one.

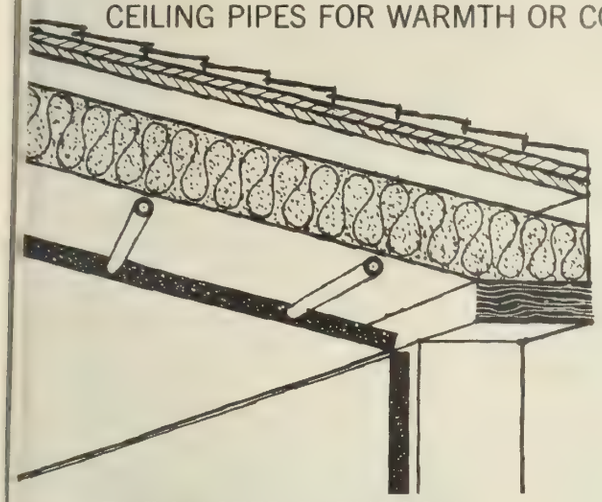
As for noise and drafts, they are built-in—the result of inexpert installation of ducts, pipes and heating outlets. Don't blame the manufacturer. blame the installer. Drafts occur when radiators or registers are ineptly placed, or when the furnace controls are set too high and air is blown into a room at too great a speed. The moral is simple: Be a *demanding* client.

Care and feeding: This presents no problem if there has been sufficient pre-planning before your house is built. About the only contact you need have with a carefully planned heating-air conditioning system is setting the thermostat and humidistat. The thermostat guides the equipment to produce the proper temperature; the humidistat controls the production of the exact amount of moisture needed for maximum comfort. These two units are usually placed side-by-side on a wall, or attached to a single control panel. Some filtering systems clean themselves, others you must clean yourself. Be sure to find out which type you have. Any other problems should be handled only by a recommended heating-air conditioning expert.



SUN LAMPS FOR BALMY BATHING

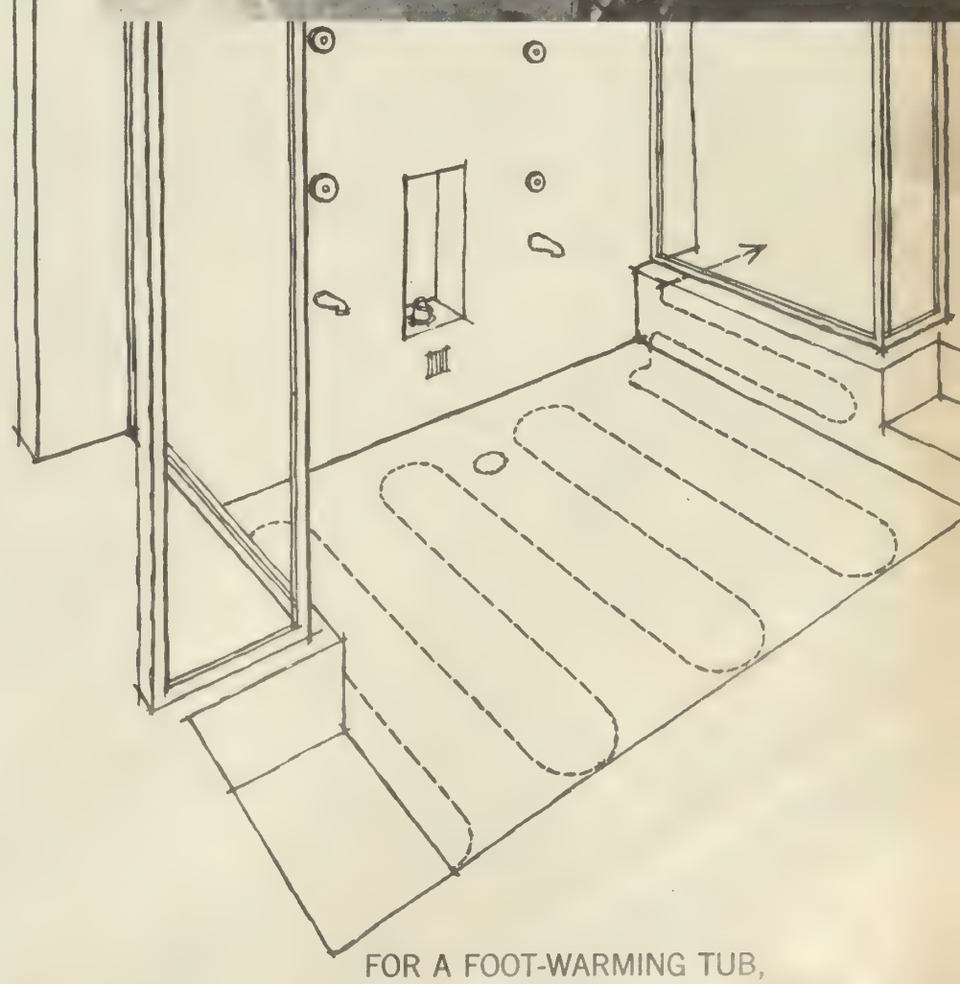
CEILING PIPES FOR WARMTH OR COOLTH





THE MASTER BATHROOM

Creating an ideal climate in a big bathroom (particularly when it is also a dressing room) is a ticklish problem simply because of the nature of the beast. Yet, although the Thaws' master bath is king-size—18 feet by 18 feet—it enjoys the same beneficent ambiance that prevails throughout the house. Here, too, the same hot and/or cold water pipes are embedded in the deeply insulated ceiling (see drawing, *above*). The floor of the sunken tub with its double showers is always warm, and bath water never gets cold because of the hot-water pipes coiled under the ceramic tile paving. Sun lamps hung at skylight-center create a feeling of tropicana—especially on a wintry day. To reduce glare, the skylight is of tinted safety glass (if broken, it turns to harmless powder rather than splintering). Clothes closets are always dry and mirrors never mist over due to the year-round flow of electronically filtered, dustless air—the work of a superlative duct system employed in every room except the pool house. Housewide controls for heat, coolness and ventilation can be manually adjusted (the house is "tuned" differently for large parties than for just the family at home) or set at automatic control when the Thaws are away. And on really fine days everything is shut off and the entire house opened to whatever delight by way of breeze or sunshine nature happens to offer.



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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

Our town's Nature Center has just had the pleasure of being host to a group of conservation experts from all over the United States who had chosen our Center as the place for their biennial gathering. Mrs. Hamilton, a fellow board member, and I were put in charge of the entertainment. This amounted to a Sunday night buffet supper for about fifty, because we thought that what the visitors least needed was just another big cocktail party. Mrs. Hamilton and I decided to be parochial and play up the cuisine of our own region—New England. The supper was held right in the main hall of the Center, which we decorated beforehand with as much suitable Americana as we could borrow. We hung one superb quilt as a backdrop to the bar table, and on the other walls we displayed a really respectable exhibition of samplers, silhouettes and Currier & Ives prints—and even some hand-carved eagles and scrimshaw.

We set up trestle tables and decorated them much in the spirit of an old-time harvest festival. Instead of flowers, old wooden chopping bowls and bread-mixing bowls filled with shiny apples and Indian corn made wonderful centerpieces. Guests could have the usual mixed drinks if they liked, or applejack cocktails for a native kick.

The main dish of the meal was genuine New England clam chowder—creamy rich and abundant with minced clams, potatoes and diced salt pork. We served it in a huge copper basin on brass legs, which Mrs. H. had just bought at Bloomingdale's intending to use as a planter. Lined with aluminum foil, it turned out to be just the thing for a party of this size. We put a food-warmer under it and ladled the hot chowder into mugs for easy consumption.

To accompany the chowder, we set out plates of corn bread. Bent water biscuits and a huge wheel of Vermont cheese. And with a flourish of native pride, we served great bowls of hot Indian Pudding for dessert with whipped cream or hard sauce on the side. (Happily, S. S. Pierce puts out a superlative canned variety of pudding, so that Mrs. H. and I were not up for days steaming the corn meal and molasses.)

As far as we could see, the out-of-towners loved the idea of going native. It occurred to us that had we done this supper in the Southwest, we might have played up Tequila Sours, tortillas and chili. In the South, you could have a Bourbon punch, Brunswick Stew and hot biscuits; in the Northwest, Gwoduc Chowder, Tillamook Cheese; and so on. The possibilities are as varied as the local cooking customs, and certainly a lot more fun for the visiting firemen than the uninspired coast-to-coast turkey, ham and salad routine.

If I were to reproduce the New England supper party in my own home for a few friends instead of a mob, I can't think of anything I would rather use for chowder mugs than my new Quimper oversized cups. They are in the good-looking "Classic Brown" pattern, which has a hand-finished appearance, set off with bands of incised blue glaze. Although at first glance they seem completely contemporary, they would mix nicely with old stoneware, Bennington Ware or any rough pottery, because of their rather rustic feeling.

A West Indian friend of mine just provided me with a delicious meatless recipe for Friday supper: Mix spicy semi-moist poultry stuffing and press half-inch thick onto a cookie sheet. Make indentations and drop an egg into each one. Pop into the oven and bake until the eggs are set and the stuffing is crisp. Serve cut in squares, an egg in each. N. B. This is a good brunch dish, too. Also fine for company's-coming Friday supper: Frozen real French Burgundy snails, encased in their natural shells in a prepared all-butter sauce. Called "S-Car-Go," they

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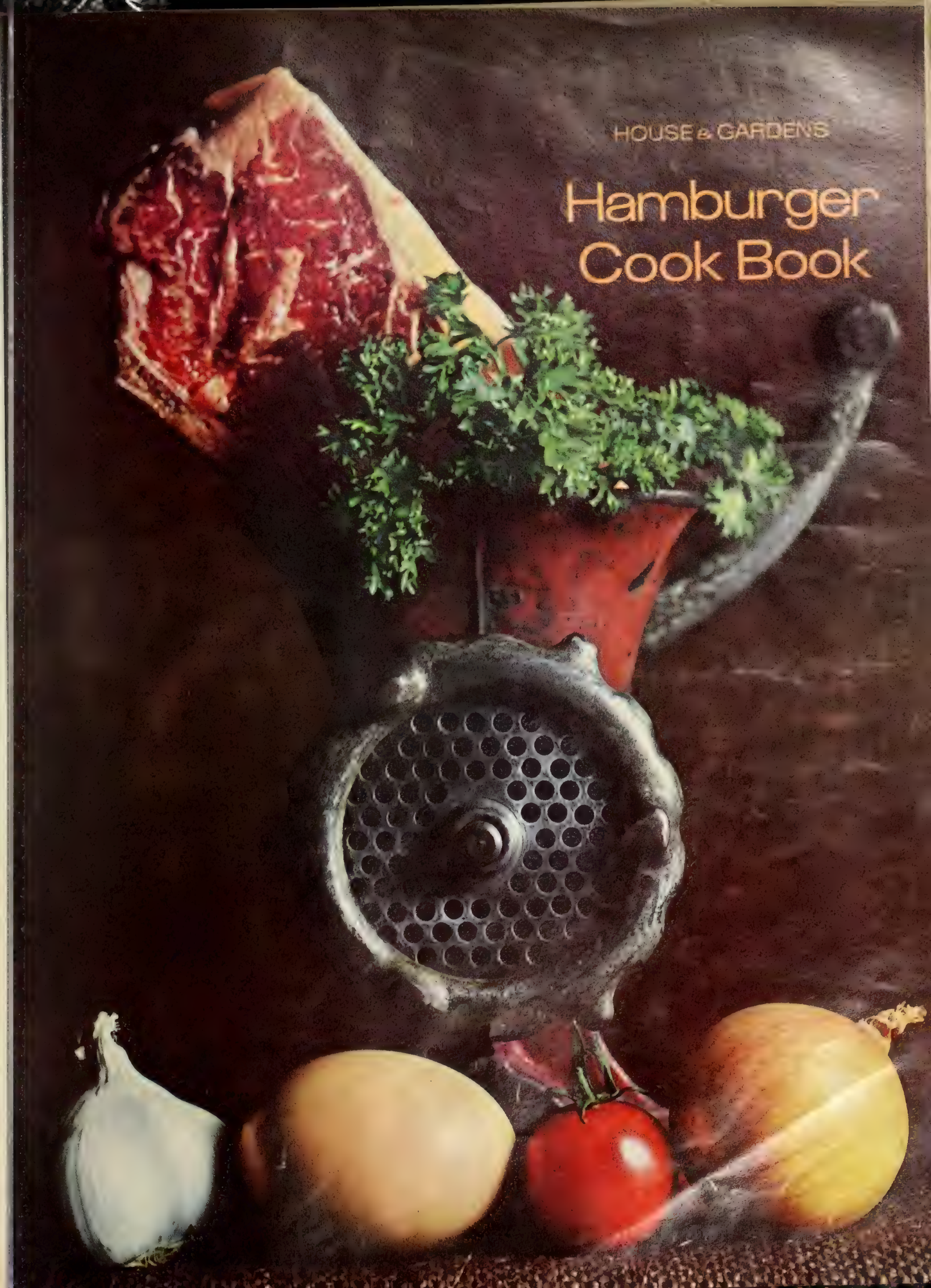
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Hamburger Cook Book

By Peggy Harvey

Hamburger can be best described in nursery-rhyme terms—when it is good, it is very, very good, and when it is bad, it is horrid. A thick patty made of a top grade of chopped beef—chuck, rump, top round, sirloin or filet—seasoned simply with salt and pepper and grilled to your taste can be a spendid thing to eat. But whether it is lowly but flavorful chuck or expensive and ultra-tender filet, no amount of fancy seasoning can keep it from being horrid if, instead of being juicily pink or red inside and crisply brown outside, it is grey and dry. Ground beef in other guises, such as meat loaves, chili or tartar steak, will also be unpalatable if the meat has been kept unfrozen in the refrigerator for more than two days with a resultant loss of juice and flavor. If ground beef must be kept for longer than two days, it should be quickly and solidly frozen and cooked as soon as it has thawed or (as in one recipe in this cook book) partially thawed. Contrary to many beliefs, there is nothing wrong with frozen hamburger providing, of course, that it's good meat to begin with. Ground beef for any dish should be made from the above cuts of meat and either ground before your eyes or by a butcher whom you trust; otherwise you never can be sure (until you eat it) that it hasn't been made from tough odds and ends. It should also be free from fat and gristle. Whether it is ground once or twice depends upon your taste and the recipe. Hamburger—under other names—crops up in the cuisine of countries all over the world, from East to West. Pakistani Kima is a close cousin to our own chili, spicily seasoned and with peas rather than kidney beans, while meat balls appear in dishes from Russia, Italy, Germany, Holland and Scandinavia. The following recipes draw on many sources, in an attempt to avoid the ordinary and obvious. They range from countrified dishes that originated in the Middle West to more sophisticated foreign concoctions, and prove that hardly any other kind of meat so readily lends itself to as infinite a variety of treatments as does America's all-time favorite—the humble but protean hamburger.

Soups

Philippine Hamburger Soup

2 medium onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound lean ground round steak
2 medium potatoes, parboiled and cubed
2 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
3 cups beef stock

Sauté the onions and garlic in the butter until soft but not brown. Add the beef and brown it, adding more butter if necessary. Add the potatoes and tomatoes and cook slowly for a few minutes. Add the beef stock, season to taste and simmer 20 minutes. Serves 4–6.

Dutch Vegetable Soup with Meat Balls

3 cups diced fresh vegetables such as leeks, carrots, green beans, celery, fresh peas and chopped parsley (no tomatoes)
3 tablespoons butter
6 cups water
1½ teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons uncooked, washed long-grain rice
2 slices white bread soaked in a little milk
½ pound lean ground round steak
1 egg
¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg

Sauté the vegetables lightly in the butter. Add the water, 1 teaspoon salt and rice. Simmer until rice and vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes. Mix the soaked bread, beef, egg, remaining ½ teaspoon salt and nutmeg lightly and form into small balls. Add to the soup and simmer 10 minutes. Serves 6–8.

Hearty Hamburger Soup

1 medium onion, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
1½ pounds lean ground round steak
1-pound, 3-ounce can tomatoes
10½-ounce can consommé plus 2 cans water
4 medium carrots, scraped and diced
1 celery top, chopped
1 bay leaf
6 sprigs parsley, chopped
½ teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon salt
Rounds of bread, toasted
Grated Parmesan cheese

Sauté the onion in the butter until soft but not brown in a fairly large pot. Add the ground beef and stir until lightly browned. Add the tomatoes, consommé and water and then the next 7 ingredients. Cover and cook over very low heat for 45 minutes. Float rounds of toasted bread, sprinkled with grated cheese, in each portion. Serves 6–8.

Hamburger Vegetable Soup

1 pound lean ground round steak
2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, chopped
2 cups diced carrots
1 cup regular-cut fresh green beans
Salt, pepper to taste
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced raw potatoes
2 quarts water
12-ounce can corn niblets

Brown the beef in the butter. Add all the ingredients except the corn and cook until the vegetables are tender. Add the corn and simmer 10 minutes. Serves 10–12.

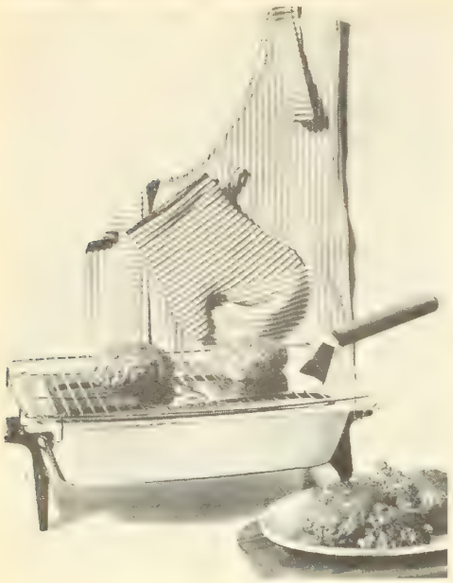
Chili Soup

2 pounds lean ground round steak
1 large onion, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1-pint, 2-fluid-ounce can tomato juice
2 1-pound, 4-ounce cans red kidney beans
1 teaspoon brown sugar
2 heaping teaspoons or more chili powder
1 teaspoon cornstarch dissolved in a little cold water

Brown the beef and onion lightly in the butter. Combine the tomato juice, kidney beans, brown sugar and chili powder in a kettle and add the beef and onion. Bring to a boil and add the dissolved cornstarch. Simmer 15 minutes. Serves 8.



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The party chef, nattily outfitted in a striped denim apron with matching mitt, can make a production out of cooking hamburgers at the table on a smokeless electric broiler. King-sized turner flips them neatly from grill to metal platters on handsome walnut boards that act as trays.

Hamburgers

Party Hamburger

Allow 1 pound lean ground round steak and 1 small chopped onion to each 4 slices of bread. Toast the bread on one side. Season the meat to taste and spread it about ½" thick on the untoasted side of the slices of bread, using a fork. Spread with catsup and top with chopped onion. Place in the broiler 5" below the flame and broil until the meat is done to your taste.

Pepperburgers

2 pounds lean ground steak
½ cup hot water
1 teaspoon Beau Monde Seasoning Salt
½ teaspoon Old Hickory Smoked Salt
2 teaspoons soy sauce
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Mix all ingredients thoroughly but lightly and form into 6 patties. Refrigerate until ready to use. Grill slowly on electric grill or over coals about 10 minutes on each side. These hamburgers or any others may be sprinkled lightly with Adolph's Unseasoned Tenderizer just before cooking.

Frozen Hamburgers for Sandwiches

Shape fresh ground chuck or round steak into a size to fit the bread or bun you usually use. Wrap it like a package in waxed paper and freeze solid. When ready to cook, thaw just enough so that you can get the paper off, season with Lawry's Seasoned Salt and freshly ground black pepper and cook quickly in butter in an iron skillet. Turn the hamburgers and cook on the second side. They are done when the blood oozes slightly. You will find these hamburgers very juicy and delicious.

Shrimp and Hamburger

1 pound lean ground round steak
Minced garlic to taste
Salt, freshly ground black pepper to taste
Pinch of oregano
½ cup cooked chopped shrimp
½ cup raisins, plumped by soaking in water
Hamburger buns
4–6 slices of Bermuda onion

Season the beef with garlic, salt, pepper and oregano and mix with the shrimp and drained raisins. Broil as desired and place on buns topped with the slices of onion. Serves 4–6.

Wild West Hamburgers

Mary and Ernest Hemingway used to enjoy these giant hamburgers after duck hunting in the snows of Idaho.

2 pounds lean ground round steak
1 cup red wine
2 tablespoons drained capers
Salt, pepper, monosodium glutamate to taste
1 medium onion, minced
1 heaping tablespoon powdered sage
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 eggs
Oil for frying

Mix the beef with all ingredients except the eggs and oil and leave at room temperature for 2–3 hours. Mix in the eggs and make 4 big patties 6" in diameter and 1½" thick. These require careful frying. The oil should be sputtering hot when you drop in the patties, and after 2 or 3 minutes the pan should be removed from the heat so that the first side is crusty, but the inside no more than red-pink. Turn and cook over high heat for a couple of minutes until second side gets crusty. The gravy left in the pan is delicious over anything.

Variation: Use marjoram instead of oregano and mix in 2 tablespoons of canned shredded pineapple. Finally, just before cooking, add 2 tablespoons shredded almonds.

Special Hamburger

1 pound lean ground chuck or round steak
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Monosodium glutamate
Prepared mustard
1 small red onion, cut into 3 or 4 slices
2 or 3 slices of processed Cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon butter

Season the beef with the salt, pepper and a sprinkling of monosodium glutamate. Mix lightly with your fingers. Divide into two parts and gently flatten each portion into a round cake. Spread one side of each cake with mustard. Spread onion slices on one patty. Put the slices of cheese on the other and sandwich the two cakes with the cheese in the middle. Press the edges together.

Melt the butter (you may use less if you wish) in an iron skillet, or use none at all and scatter the surface of the skillet with salt. Sear the meat over high heat for a minute or two and turn with a spatula. Sear again, reduce the heat and cook slowly for 6–8 minutes for a rare hamburger. Serves 2. Grilled tomatoes or spicy baked squash are excellent accompaniments.

Hamburger Tricks

1. Mix a little prepared mustard with the beef when you are seasoning it.
2. To each 4 ounces of seasoned hamburger add, just before cooking, 1 scant teaspoon tomato juice and 1 teaspoon of shaved ice.
3. Tuck a small ice cube or portion of one in an about-to-be-broiled hamburger. Both of these procedures, suggested by James Beard, help to keep the hamburger moist.
4. Add a scant teaspoon warm cognac to an about-to-be-cooked hamburger to give it additional flavor and moisture. 5. Broil the hamburgers to your taste, put them on hot toasted buns and top with heated chili sauce, a slice or ring of raw onion and a sprinkling of grated Parmesan cheese for chiliburgers.

Meat Balls, Loaves and Patties

Nut Balls

Season twice-ground raw lean round steak with Lawry's Seasoned Salt and Pepper and form into small balls. Roll balls in finely crushed pecans or black walnuts. Serve raw as an appetizer.

Casey's Choice

While this is actually an unpretentious family supper dish, it holds its own remarkably well at a buffet. The only accompaniments necessary are hot French bread and a cheese cake, spice cake or similar dessert.

12 medium carrots, cut in ½" slices
12 small white onions, peeled
12 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
2 celery hearts, diced
White part of 4 leeks, cut in ½" slices
Salt
1 bay leaf
1 dried red chili pepper
1 slice lemon rind
Freshly ground black pepper
3 pounds lean ground steak
1 egg
3 tablespoons minced parsley
Dash of nutmeg
Arrowroot or cornstarch
1 package frozen peas, cooked
1 tablespoon chopped chives
1 tablespoon butter

Put the raw vegetables, 1 tablespoon salt, the bay leaf, chili pepper and lemon rind in a large pot and add boiling water to cover. Then add 3 more cups boiling water. Grind black pepper over all, bring to a boil and simmer gently, uncovered, until the vegetables are almost tender.

Meanwhile mix the meat with the egg, parsley, nutmeg and salt and pepper to taste. Form into 1½" balls and roll in arrowroot or cornstarch.

Remove the lemon peel, bay leaf and chili pepper from the pot and drop in the meat balls. Cover and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes. Taste for seasoning and thicken slightly with a teaspoon of arrowroot or cornstarch dissolved in 1 tablespoon cold water. Just before serving, add the peas, sprinkle with chopped chives and add the butter. Serves 12.

Coconut Meat Balls with Sweet-Sour Sauce

These appetizer meat balls are equally good with or without the sauce.

¾ pound lean ground round steak
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons flour
1 egg, slightly beaten
1⅓ cups flaked coconut
Oil for frying
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 teaspoon vinegar
5 tablespoons chutney, chopped
¼ cup currant jelly
1½ teaspoons sugar

Combine the beef, salt and pepper and shape into about 36 small 1" balls. Stir the flour into the egg and roll meat balls in this mixture, then in the coconut. Pour oil ¼" deep in a skillet, heat until very hot and brown the meat balls lightly. Keep warm in a 250° oven while making the sauce.

Combine the dry mustard with the remaining ingredients in a small saucepan. Heat, stirring frequently, until the jelly is melted. Serve with the warm Coconut Meat Balls.

Tartar Steak

Mix 1 pound of twice-ground lean round steak with a sprinkling of fresh lime juice, a little dry red wine, a dash of Tabasco, pressed garlic (if desired), dry mustard and salt to taste. Use enough wine to make the meat fairly moist. A tablespoon or more of chopped capers and/or about 1 tablespoon finely minced celery may be added. Refrigerate for an hour before serving. Form into small balls or pack into pieces of celery 1" long. Roll or sprinkle with finely chopped parsley if desired. Serve these tiny meat balls as an appetizer.

Hamburger Balls Vuolo

These meat balls are intended to be added to spaghetti sauce, but, made in slightly smaller sizes, are equally good on toothpicks as an hors d'oeuvre.

1 pound lean ground round steak
4 tablespoons minced Italian parsley
½ cup raisins, soaked in water and drained
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon basil
¾ cup finely chopped onion
2 eggs
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ cup pine nuts
Olive oil

Mix all ingredients except olive oil well together and form into balls a little larger (or, for hors d'oeuvre, a little smaller) than Ping-pong balls. Heat ½ cup olive oil in a large skillet until very hot. Add the meat balls and turn constantly until very dark brown. If necessary, add more oil. Remove from skillet and place on paper toweling to drain. Add large meat balls to spaghetti sauce. Serves 4. If you have made small balls, you should have 4 dozen or more.

Meat Balls Stroganov

1 pound lean ground round steak
Salt, pepper
½ cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon butter
½ pound mushrooms, sliced
½ can tomato paste
2½ cups beef bouillon (made with Spice Islands Beef Stock Base)
1½ teaspoons celery salt
2 tablespoons Heinz Meat Sauce
¼ cup seeded, julienne-cut green peppers
1 cup sour cream
1½ cups hot cooked noodles

Season the beef with salt and pepper and form into small balls of desired size. Sauté the onion in the butter until golden. Add the mushrooms and meat balls and brown. Add the tomato paste and bouillon and simmer 10 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon salt, the celery salt and pepper to taste. Mix in the meat sauce and green pepper and cook for 20 minutes. Stir in the sour cream and heat just to the boiling point. Serve over the hot noodles. Serves 4.

Meat Ball Chili

2 slices bread, soaked in water
1 pound ground beef
1 egg
1 medium onion, minced
1 tablespoon butter or oil
1 cup canned tomatoes
2 cups water
3 tablespoons Spice Islands Chili Con Carne Seasoning
Salt, pepper to taste

Squeeze the water out of the bread and mix with the beef and egg. Form into small balls. Sauté the onion slightly in the butter or oil and add remaining ingredients including meat balls. Simmer for 3 hours. Serves 4.

German Meat Balls with Caraway Sauce

1 cup coarsely grated raw potato
1 pound lean ground round steak
Grind of black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon Beau Monde Seasoning Salt
1 teaspoon minced onion
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 egg, slightly beaten
3 teaspoons arrowroot or cornstarch
2½ cups hot water
4 teaspoons Spice Islands Beef Stock Base
½ teaspoon caraway seeds

Mix the first 8 ingredients. Form into 1½" balls and roll in 2 teaspoons arrowroot or cornstarch. Combine the hot water and beef stock base in a deep pot with a tight-fitting cover. Bring to a boil and drop the meat balls one by one into the pot. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove the meat balls with a slotted spoon and keep hot.

Add a little freshly ground black pepper and the caraway seeds to the stock in which the meat balls were cooked. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Mix the remaining arrowroot or cornstarch with 1 tablespoon of cold water and stir into the stock. Cook, stirring, until sauce has thickened. Combine with meat balls. Serves 4–6.

Norwegian Meat Balls

1 pound lean ground round steak
½ cup heavy cream
½ cup minced suet
½ tablespoon cornstarch
½ tablespoon powdered ginger
1 egg
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
3 ounces butter

Mix the beef with all ingredients except the butter, shape into 1" balls and brown gently in the butter. Simmer 15 minutes. Serve in a chafing dish with toothpicks handy. Makes about 48 balls.

Bitokes Smetane

Butter
2 pounds lean ground rump of beef
Salt, freshly ground black pepper, nutmeg
1 small onion, minced
Flour
4 large mushroom caps
1 pint sour cream

Soften ⅓ pound butter and mix it with the beef. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Sauté the onion in a little butter, cool and add to meat mixture. Divide into 4 parts and shape each into an oval patty about 1" thick. Roll patties in flour and sauté in 4 tablespoons butter until they are the color you wish. Meanwhile sauté the mushroom caps in 2 tablespoons of butter and keep warm.

When the patties are done, remove them to a warm platter and keep warm. Pour off the butter in the pan, add the sour cream and use a wooden spoon to scrape the glaze from the pan. Heat but do not boil. Place the mushroom caps on the meat and pour the sauce over all. Serves 4.

These Russian Bitokes are also an excellent buffet dish when made into small balls.



Patties and meat balls take perfect shape every time when formed in special presses and molds. For patties, put ground meat between pieces of waxed paper, insert in press and pull down handle for a symmetrical circle. To make large meat balls for casseroles or spaghetti, put meat in round mold and press the handles together.

Meat Loaf Tante Clementina

1 pound lean ground round steak
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs
½ cup water
1½ tablespoons chopped parsley, preferably Italian
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
3 eggs
1 small onion, chopped
Salt, pepper
4 tablespoons olive oil
¾ pound ricotta cheese or small-curd cottage cheese

Mix the beef, 1 cup bread crumbs, water, 1 tablespoon parsley, Parmesan cheese, 2 eggs, the chopped onion and salt and pepper to taste. Brush a 10" baking dish with 2 tablespoons olive oil and sprinkle with the remaining 2 tablespoons bread crumbs. Put half the meat mixture in the dish. Mix the ricotta or cottage cheese with the remaining egg and ½ tablespoon parsley and a pinch of salt. Spread this on the meat and cover with the remainder of the meat mixture. Press the edges of the meat layers together, brush with the remaining olive oil and refrigerate at least ½ hour, longer if possible. Bake in a preheated 450° oven for 25–30 minutes. Serves 4–6.

Italian Meat Loaf

2 slices bread soaked in tomato juice
2 pounds lean ground round steak
1 onion, chopped
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 dash each: cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg
2 teaspoons chopped parsley
½ teaspoon basil
2 6-ounce cans tomato paste, mixed with a little water
Grated Parmesan cheese

Squeeze the juice from the soaked bread. Mix the bread, beef, onion, eggs, garlic and seasonings. Shape into a loaf and place in an oiled pan. Pour the tomato-paste mixture over the loaf and bake in a 350° oven for 1 hour, basting occasionally. Sprinkle with grated cheese before serving. Serves 8.

Onion-Covered Meat Loaf

2 pounds lean round steak, ground twice
½ cup dry red wine
3 tablespoons fine cracker crumbs
¼ teaspoon marjoram
1 tablespoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons butter
1 large Bermuda onion, peeled and cut in ¼" slices

Combine the beef, wine, cracker crumbs, marjoram, salt and black pepper in a bowl. Mix lightly with your fingers. Melt the butter in ¼ cup boiling water. Form the beef mixture into a loaf, place it in a shallow baking dish and cover with the onion slices. Pour the butter and water over the loaf and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1½ hours. Baste every 15 minutes. Do not let the pan get dry. If necessary, add a little wine or water or a mixture of the two for basting. Serves 6.

Spicy Meat Loaf

1 cup bread crumbs
¾ cup white wine
1 teaspoon Spice Islands Bouquet Garni for beef
1 tablespoon peeled, seeded and minced green pepper
2 tablespoons minced onion
½ teaspoon pickled grated horseradish
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon Beau Monde Seasoning Salt
¼ teaspoon French's mustard
1 egg
1½ pounds lean ground round steak

Mix the first 9 ingredients. Beat in the egg. Add the beef and mix thoroughly but lightly. Form into a loaf and place in a lightly oiled shallow baking pan. Bake, uncovered, in a preheated 350° oven for 1½ hours. Baste with drippings. Serves 6.

Oatmeal Meat Loaf

1½ pounds lean ground chuck or round steak
¾ cup uncooked oatmeal
2 eggs, beaten
¼ cup chopped onion
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup tomato juice

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and pack gently into a loaf pan 9 by 5 by 3 inches. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1 hour. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Serves 8.

Frosted Meat Loaf

2 pounds lean ground chuck or round steak
2 eggs
2 cups milk
2 teaspoons salt (scant)
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon Spice Islands Bouquet Garni for beef
Freshly ground pepper to taste
¾ cup minced onion
3 cups seasoned mashed potatoes
2 tablespoons melted butter
Paprika

Mix the first 8 ingredients together lightly. Pack into a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1¼ hours. Drain and place meat on an ovenproof plate. Spread mashed potatoes over top and sides. Brush with butter. Sprinkle with paprika and place in a 450° oven until brown. Serves 8.

Swedish Beef Patties with Sour Cream Sauce

1½ pounds lean ground chuck
1½ cups sour cream
Salt, pepper
1 teaspoon chicken fat or bacon drippings
½ teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dill seed

Lightly mix together the beef, ½ cup sour cream, 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Shape into 4 large flat cakes and refrigerate for 15 minutes or more before frying. Heat the fat in an iron skillet until it sizzles. Brown the patties quickly on both sides. Pour off any excess fat. Cook patties 5 minutes on each side for rare meat, 8–10 for well-done. Remove to a hot ovenproof platter and place in a 300° oven for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, drain the fat from the pan in which the patties cooked and pour in the remaining 1 cup sour cream. Stir cream around in the pan with a wooden spoon, scraping up bits of brown glaze that are left. Add the juices that will have seeped out of the patties onto the platter, the sugar, dill seed and salt and pepper to taste. Heat through. Pour sauce over the patties and serve. Noodles are a must with this. Serves 4.

Surprise Meat Loaf

1½ pounds lean ground steak
¼ cup minced onion
⅔ cup dry bread crumbs
2 eggs, slightly beaten
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
½ cup tomato juice or beef bouillon
4–5 hard-cooked eggs

Mix the first 7 ingredients together and divide the mixture in half. Place one half in a loaf pan. Cut off the ends of the hard-cooked eggs so that the yolk shows and line up the eggs down the center of the pan. (The number of eggs depends on their size. Line them up in the loaf pan before you cook them and decide how many you will need.) Cover the eggs with the rest of the meat mixture and bake in a 350° oven for 45–60 minutes. Serves 6–8.

Hamburger-Cheese Loaf

2 pounds lean ground round steak
1 cup grated American cheese
1 cup stuffed green olives, chopped
½ cup bread crumbs
½ cup milk
1 egg
1½ teaspoons salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
4 or 5 strips bacon

Mix all ingredients except the bacon together and form into a loaf. Place on a lightly buttered shallow baking dish and cover with the bacon. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 1½ hours. Serves 8.
Note: The mixture may be formed into small balls, wrapped in bacon, baked and served on toothpicks.

Darrow Manter's Frosted Hamburger Steak

1¼ pounds lean ground round steak
Salt, pepper to taste
1 teaspoon minced onion
1 egg, beaten
Butter
Dash of Tabasco
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
Paprika

Season the beef with salt and pepper and mix in the minced onion and egg. Shape mixture into as large and thick a patty as you think you will be able to turn in a skillet. Pan broil, using a

small amount of butter, and turn when the underside is crisp and brown. When the meat is cooked to your taste, add the Tabasco to the softened cream cheese and smear the top of the meat patty with this mixture. Put under the broiler for a minute or two. Sprinkle with paprika. Cut like a pie. Serves 4. Shoestring potatoes and a green salad are good accompaniments.

Fricadelles of Beef with Sauce Piquante

3 large baking potatoes
1 pound lean ground round steak
1 large onion, minced
2 tablespoons butter
1 egg, beaten
2 teaspoons chopped parsley
Salt, pepper to taste
Flour
3 tablespoons rendered beef or veal fat
½ cup vinegar
1 tablespoon minced shallot or onion
1½ cups canned beef gravy
3 tablespoons chopped sour pickles
A little chopped fresh tarragon or a pinch of dried tarragon

Wash and bake the potatoes. When done, remove the pulp and put it in a bowl. Mash with a wooden spoon until smooth.

Cook the beef and onion in the butter until the onion is golden. Add the mashed potatoes, egg, 1 teaspoon parsley, salt and pepper and mix well. Divide the mixture into pieces about the size of an egg, roll in flour and flatten like hamburger cakes. Heat the fat in a skillet and cook the cakes in it until brown on both sides. Place the pan in a 375° oven for 7–8 minutes while making the sauce.

Cook the vinegar and shallot in a saucepan until reduced to about 3 tablespoons. Add the gravy and boil gently for 10 minutes. When ready to serve, add the chopped pickles, remaining 1 teaspoon parsley and tarragon. Heat but do not boil. Pour the gravy over the beef cakes and serve at once. Serves 4.

Casseroles, Chili, Quick Dishes

Italian Delight

1 large onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon butter
2 pounds lean ground round steak
2 cans (10½-ounce size) condensed tomato soup
1-pound, 1-ounce (#2) can creamed corn
Salt, pepper
8-ounce package egg noodles, cooked
½ pound grated Parmesan cheese

Sauté the onion and garlic in the butter until soft. Add the beef and cook until redness disappears. Stir in the tomato soup and corn and season to taste with salt and pepper. Alternate meat mixture, noodles and cheese in a casserole, ending with cheese. Cook in a 350° oven for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

There are more ways to cook hamburger than straightforward broiling: in a heavy skillet until crusty brown, or slowly in a meat loaf or baking dish, on an ovenproof platter or in a casserole or Dutch oven. But however it may be prepared, seasonings are the secret ingredients that spice a recipe, and a rack that keeps them in view and on hand supplies the flavor inspiration.



Italian Casserole

8-ounce package shell macaroni
3 medium onions, minced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
½ pound butter or bacon drippings
2 pounds lean ground chuck
3 8-ounce cans tomato sauce
12-ounce can corn niblets
3-ounce can sliced mushrooms with liquid
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon chili powder
½ cup sherry
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper

This dish should be prepared ahead and refrigerated or frozen until needed. Cook, drain and cool the macaroni. Sauté the onion, garlic and green pepper in half the butter or bacon drippings until soft. Brown the beef in the remaining butter or drippings and pour into a 3-quart casserole. Add the tomato sauce and all remaining ingredients. Finally add the macaroni and toss carefully. Refrigerate overnight to mellow.

Next day, bake covered in a 325° oven for 1½ hours or longer. (If frozen before baking, it will take longer to cook.) Serves 8–10.

Beef Roulade

2 eggs
4 slices bread, crusts removed
2¼ pounds lean ground chuck
¼ cup chopped parsley
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon powdered ginger
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 small bottle capers, drained
5 sweet green peppers, seeded and cut into narrow strips
Butter
1 beef bouillon cube
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
¾ cup light cream
3 teaspoons instantized flour (Wondra)

Beat the eggs lightly with a fork and crumble the bread into them. Add the meat, herbs and seasonings. Mix well and gently combine with the capers. Form into 16 flat patties.

Place 4 or 5 pepper strips in the center of each patty and roll the patty, sealing the peppers in thoroughly.

Butter a large skillet or two smaller ones lavishly and heat until the butter sizzles. Put in the meat rolls and brown them on all sides. Place in a casserole. Reserve the pan drippings in the skillet.

Dissolve the bouillon cube in the soy sauce. Brown the sugar in the reserved pan drippings in the skillet rapidly over high heat, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Add the soy-bouillon mixture and cream and scrape the bottom of the pan. Stir in the flour and when the sauce has thickened, pour it over the meat. Cover the casserole and bake in a 350° oven for 30 minutes. Serve with red cabbage. Serves 8.

Chili Con Carne I

6 strips bacon, cut in 1" pieces
1½ green onions, chopped
2 pounds ground chuck or round steak
2 1-pound, 4-ounce (#2) cans kidney beans
2 10½-ounce cans condensed tomato soup
6 tablespoons vinegar
6 tablespoons sugar
Salt, pepper to taste
1 clove garlic, chopped
1–2 tablespoons chili powder, according to taste

Brown the bacon with the onion in a Dutch oven. Add the beef and brown. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer from 2–6 hours (the longer the better), stirring every 30 minutes.

For that extra bite, you can add 2 pinches of Japanese ground mixed peppers (these may be bought in Japanese food stores). This chili will keep refrigerated for a week or more and freezes well. Serves 6.

Chili Con Carne II

5 medium onions, chopped
2 green peppers, seeded and chopped
2 pounds lean ground round steak
2 tablespoons bacon drippings
1-pound, 3-ounce (#2) can tomatoes
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 whole cloves
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 bay leaf
1 pound, 4-ounce (#2) can kidney beans

Cook the onion, green pepper and beef in the bacon drippings over low heat for 30 minutes or until onions and pepper are tender. Stir often. Add tomatoes and seasonings. Simmer slowly for another 30 minutes. Add the kidney beans and serve hot. Serves 6.

Slightly Chinese One-Dish Meal

1 pound lean ground round steak
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 large onions, chopped
1½ cups chopped celery
10½-ounce can condensed mushroom soup
10½-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
1½ cups hot water
¼ cup soy sauce
½ cup uncooked rice
3-ounce (#2) can Chinese noodles
½ cup cashew nuts

Brown the beef in the oil. Add the onions and celery and allow to brown slightly. Add the condensed soups. Add the hot water and soy sauce to the uncooked rice. Combine with the meat mixture and bake, covered, in a 350° oven for 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the Chinese noodles and nuts. Bake uncovered for another 30 minutes. Serves 4–6.

Creamed Hamburger

1 pound lean ground beef
½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
½ teaspoon paprika
Salt, black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons butter or bacon drippings
½ medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
½ pound mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons flour
10½-ounce can condensed cream of chicken or mushroom soup
1 cup sour cream

Season the meat with the monosodium glutamate, paprika, salt and pepper. Cook in the butter or bacon drippings, adding the onion and garlic as the meat browns. When the onion is soft, add the mushrooms and flour. Cook 10 minutes. Add the soup and sour cream just before serving. Heat through but do not allow the liquid to boil. Serve with rice, noodles or mashed potatoes. Serves 4–5.

Picadillo

A classic Cuban dish that used to be served at the Ernest Hemingways' Finca Vigia.

1 pound lean ground round steak
1½ tablespoons oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 large onion, chopped
12 pitted green olives
1 cup raisins, soaked in water until plump, then drained
Pinch of oregano
Salt, pepper to taste
1 cup red wine
1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
Cooked rice
Chopped watercress

Brown the beef in the oil for 3–5 minutes. Add garlic, onion, olives, raisins, oregano, salt, pepper and wine. Simmer 20 minutes over medium heat, adding the green pepper during the last five minutes of cooking so that it will be crisp. Serve on a bed of fluffy cooked rice and sprinkle with chopped watercress. Serves 4.

Amateur's Delight

This is a foolproof dish for the amateur chef to prepare for a small dinner party, or, increasing the proportions, for a buffet. Hot bread, green salad and fruit could round out the menu.

2 slices onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 pound lean ground round steak
1 cup sour cream
⅛ teaspoon powdered ginger
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Sauté the onion in the butter until soft. Add the sliced mushrooms and cook over medium heat until they are almost tender. Stir in the beef and cook for a minute or two. Just before serving, heat the sour cream with the ginger, salt and freshly ground black pepper—do not boil. Add to the meat mixture and serve as is or on toast or noodles. Serves 4.

Hamburger Pie

1 pound lean ground round steak
1½ tablespoons butter or bacon fat
1 medium onion, chopped
¾ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper
½ pound green beans, cooked and drained
10½-ounce can condensed tomato soup
5 medium potatoes, boiled or baked (hot)
½ cup warm milk
1 egg, beaten
½ cup shredded American cheese

Lightly brown the beef in the butter or the bacon fat. Add the onion and cook until just tender. Add the seasonings, beans and soup. Pour into a buttered 1½-quart casserole. Mash the hot potatoes and add the milk and egg. Season to taste. Drop in mounds over the meat mixture. Sprinkle with the cheese. Bake in a 350° oven for 25–30 minutes. Serves 6.

Tamale Pie

This is a hot one—some like it so.

2 pounds lean ground chuck
Butter
3 8-ounce cans tomato purée
6 dried red chili peppers
2 cans (8½-ounce size) pitted black olives, sliced
1 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 teaspoon dried savory
3 cups corn meal

Sauté the beef in 1½ tablespoons butter, stirring constantly. Put the tomato purée, diluted with enough water to form a semi-thick paste, in a large kettle. Crumble the chili peppers into this mixture and add the beef, olives, mushrooms and savory. Simmer for 15 minutes. The consistency should be thick but not dry. Meanwhile, cook the corn meal in 5 cups boiling water until it becomes a fairly thick paste. Butter the sides and bottom of a large baking pan about the size of a turkey roaster. Put about an inch of the corn meal mush in bottom of the pan. Add the ground meat mixture and cover with remaining mush. Cover top with butter. Bake in a 375° oven for 15 minutes. Serve very hot with a green salad. Serves 6–8.

Pakistani Kima

1 small onion, minced
1 tablespoon butter
½ pound lean ground round steak
1 tomato, seeded and diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon chili powder
A little freshly ground black pepper
½ cup cooked fresh peas with 2 tablespoons cooking liquid

Sauté the onion in the butter until soft but not brown. Add the beef and tomato and stir. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes. Mix the garlic and seasonings together in a cup and pour over the meat mixture. Add the peas and liquid. Mix well. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Serves 2.

Hamburger Noodle Bake

2 tablespoons butter
1 pound lean ground steak
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
2 8-ounce cans tomato sauce
1 8-ounce package thin noodles
6 scallions, chopped, with some tops
3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1 cup sour cream
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese

Melt the butter in a skillet and put in the beef, breaking it into small pieces with a fork. Sauté until brown. Mix the garlic with the beef and add the salt, pepper, sugar, and tomato sauce. Cover and cook slowly for 15–20 minutes.

Cook the noodles as directed. Drain. Combine the scallions with the cream cheese and sour cream. Put noodles in a 1-quart casserole, cover with half the scallion mixture, cover that with the meat sauce and put remaining scallion mixture on top. Sprinkle with the Cheddar cheese. Bake in a 350° oven for 20 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 6–8.

Hominy Casserole

3 large onions, diced
1 green pepper, chopped
5 tablespoons butter
1 pound lean ground round steak
1 pound (=303) can hominy
¼ teaspoon chili powder
8-ounce can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk, hot
Grated cheese

Sauté the onion and pepper in 3 tablespoons butter until tender. Add the beef and cook until the red color has disappeared. Add the hominy, chili powder and tomato sauce. Place in a 1½-quart baking dish.

Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and stir in the flour. Add the milk and cook, stirring, until thick. Add ½ cup grated cheese and when melted, pour sauce over the beef mixture in baking dish. Sprinkle top with more grated cheese. Bake in a 350° oven for 35 minutes. Serves 6.



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Baking—techniques and tips

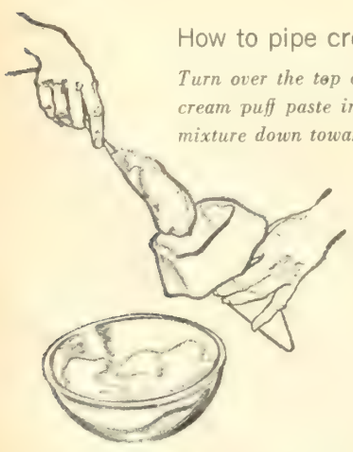
The basic techniques involved in baking are stirring, beating, creaming, folding, kneading and rolling. Stirring, in which ingredients are mixed with a wooden spoon or spatula until just combined, is mostly used for muffin batters or very delicate cakes or cookies. In beating, a rotary or electric beater is usually the implement, although a wooden spoon may be used if the mixture (such as a cream puff paste) is stiff. The ingredients must be thoroughly incorporated or they may separate, forming a solid layer at the bottom of the pan.

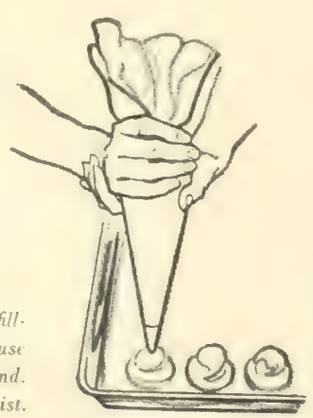
In creaming, two or more ingredients (such as sugar and eggs or butter and sugar) are beaten together with a wooden spoon or in a mixer until the mixture becomes pale yellow in color, fluffy, and forms a slow ribbon that falls back into the bowl when the spoon or beater is lifted. The sugar is added gradually to the yolks during the creaming. If you are using a mixer to cream butter and sugar, a slight degree of warmth facilitates creaming. Cut the butter into ½-inch pieces, warm the bowl in hot water, dry it and then cream the butter and sugar for several minutes at moderate speed. Folding is the gentlest way to combine ingredients and prevents the air cells from breaking down when a light, delicate ingredient such as beaten eggs or whipped cream is added to a heavier one. When both ingredients are liquid, pour the less fluffy on top of the other (the sauce base for a soufflé on to the stiffly beaten egg whites, for example). If one is dry, sprinkle it on the fluffy one and gradually fold in, with a steady but gentle down, up and over movement. Most people use a rubber spatula for folding, but your hand is just as good an implement, as you literally feel what you are doing.

Hands are also the most common tools for kneading, although some mixers do have a dough hook attachment. Kneading, a process used for making yeast doughs and—in conjunction with rolling—for puff pastry, develops the gluten in the flour and makes the dough smooth and elastic. Soft doughs may be kneaded in a wide bowl and should be worked and pulled away from the sides of the bowl until they no longer stick to either the bowl or the hands. Heavier doughs are kneaded on a flat, lightly floured surface or board by folding them over, pressing them down and pushing with the heel of the hand. They are then rotated a little, folded and kneaded again. The flour on the board should be kept to a minimum or the dough will be tough. This also applies to rolled-out doughs, the kind used for cookies and pastries. This kind of dough usually rolls better if it has been chilled and if you handle only a small amount at a time (overhandling is another cause of tough pastry). It's a good idea when working with soft, sticky doughs (yeast doughs, strudel) to roll them out on a floured cloth and use a heavy, ball-bearing rolling pin and even pressure. Cookie doughs and tart shells that are made from richer, less sticky doughs may be rolled between sheets of waxed paper (this prevents them from absorbing too much flour) with a lighter pin, or tapered French pastry pin, not too much pressure.

How to pipe cream puffs

Turn over the top edge of the pastry bag and spoon the cream puff paste into it with a rubber spatula, pushing mixture down toward the tube. Then pull edge up again.



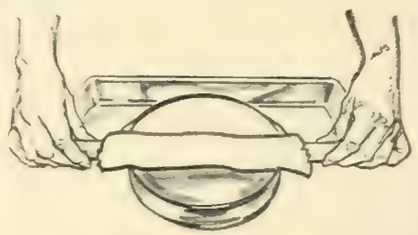


With right hand, grasp bag firmly above filling to force paste toward pastry tube (use plain round tube). Steady with other hand. Pipe mounds, finishing with a quick twist.

How to line a flan ring with pastry

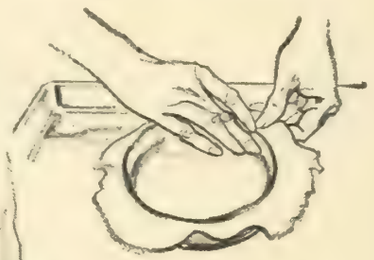


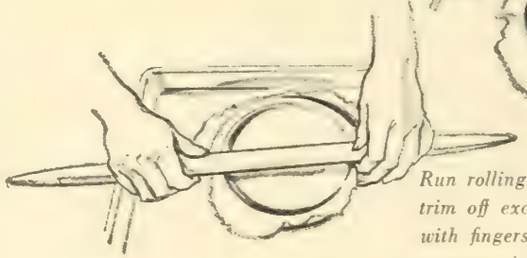
Roll out circle of dough and measure it with flan ring; it should overlap generously. Working toward you, roll up dough on tapered French rolling pin.



Set flan ring on cookie sheet or jelly-roll pan and carefully unroll dough over it, making sure that the circle of dough overlaps ring evenly all around.

Carefully press the dough down against the sides of the flan ring and the bottom of the cookie sheet to make perfect shell. Prick bottom with fork.





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Run rolling pin over rim of ring to trim off excess dough. Crimp edges with fingers. Line shell with waxed paper, weight with raw rice. Bake.

How to make thin cake layers for a torte



First grease and flour a cookie sheet or jelly-roll pan. Take pan lid of desired diameter as a guide; mark off a circle with handle of wooden spoon.





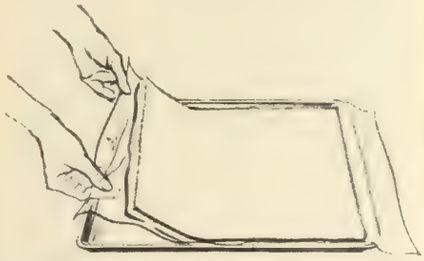
Put small amount of batter in center of circle, spread evenly to edges with metal spatula. Bake. When baked, loosen layer carefully from the sheet.

Using pan lid once more as a guide, trim ragged edges of cake layer with a knife. If rounds get too crisp, put in warm oven for a minute to soften.

How to bake and make a jelly roll

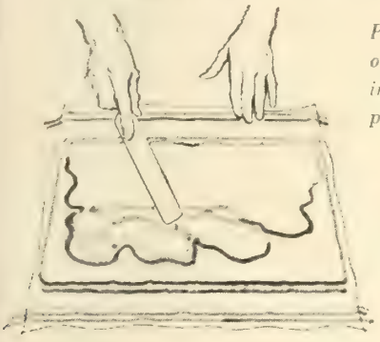
Grease a jelly-roll pan well and line it with waxed paper, allowing an overhang at each end of about 2". Butter paper. Pour cake batter into pan; spread evenly with spatula.





Bake cake at specified temperature, reversing pan on oven rack once halfway through baking time so it bakes evenly. Remove from oven and gently loosen cake from jelly-roll pan by carefully lifting up the ends of the waxed paper.





Put damp cloth covered with waxed paper on table. Turn cake out upside down by inverting pan. Gently peel off buttered paper. Lift waxed paper and roll cake up.

Allow to cool. When cooled, unroll and spread evenly with filling. Roll cake again. Dust outside with powdered sugar.

BAKING TIPS

- Add a pinch of salt to sugar for frosting to prevent graininess; add a pinch of salt to egg whites before beating to make them mound faster.
- Unless otherwise specified, always bake on middle shelf of oven.
- Never overload the oven—this will extend the baking time. If you are baking on two shelves at once, switch the pans around when two-thirds of the baking time has elapsed, to counteract any unevenness of heat in the oven. When using two pans, stagger them in opposite corners of the oven. If you are using three, place the third pan on a rack about 2 inches higher than the middle shelf, but not directly over either of the first two pans. Use top rack only for last-minute browning.
- Place filled pie shells, which need more intense heat from underneath in order to bake through properly, on the lowest rack.
- To prevent cream puffs from becoming soggy as they cool, puncture small puffs or split larger ones and remove uncooked center portion.
- If you have difficulty removing a baked cake from the pan, place the hot pan on a damp cloth for a few seconds; steam helps release the cake.
- If you have difficulty removing thin, crisp wafers from the baking sheet, hold the sheet over the range so the direct heat is under one wafer for a few seconds. This softens it enough so that it can be removed. Repeat with other wafers.
- To protect fruitcakes from overbrowning, line pan with aluminum foil, leaving an overhang on all four sides. This protects the bottom and sides during baking. Once cake has browned, draw overhangs of foil over the top to keep the crust from drying out.
- As a substitute for sour milk or buttermilk, add 1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice to 1 cup sweet milk and let it stand for 3 minutes.



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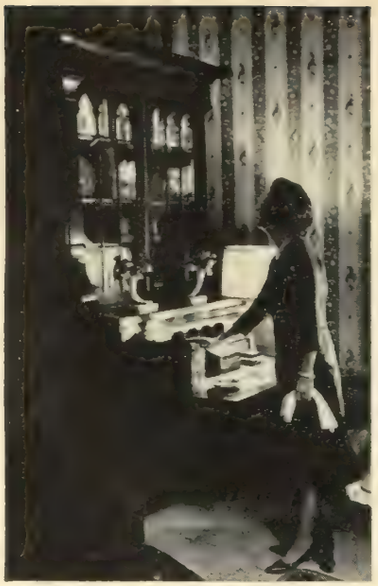


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In decorating the bedroom given to Blair House by Condé Nast Publications, Inc., H&G decided it would be appropriate to fill the shelves of the secretary with books by American authors. So we asked the American Library Association staff to suggest a representative selection that would include some acknowledged classics of American literature as well as some current titles that are probably destined to become classics. The list bows slightly to the fact that the Lincoln Bedroom is usually occupied by a man.

ADAMS, ANDY *The Log of a Cowboy.* Doubleday Dolphin.
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CLEMENS, SAMUEL LANGHORNE (MARK TWAIN) *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.* Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.
COMMAGER, HENRY STEELE *The American Mind.* Yale University Press.
CRANE, STEPHEN *The Red Badge of Courage.* Peter Pauper Press.
Dictionary of Americanisms on Historical Principles 2 Volumes. University of Chicago Press.
DOUGLAS, WILLIAM O. *Freedom of the Mind.* Doubleday & Company, Inc.
EMERSON, RALPH WALDO *Essays. Everyman's edition.* E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.
FAULKNER, WILLIAM *Collected Stories.* Random House
FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN *Autobiography.* Modern Library
FREEMAN, DOUGLAS SOUTHALL *Lee (1 volume abridgement).* Charles Scribner's Sons.
GASSNER, JOHN, ED. *Twenty-five Best Plays of the Modern American Theatre.* Crown Publishers, Inc.
GRIFFITH, RICHARD *The Movies.* Simon and Schuster, Inc.
Hammond Ambassador World Atlas. C. S. Hammond & Co., Inc.
HEMINGWAY, ERNEST *The Old Man and the Sea.* Charles Scribner's Sons.
KAZIN, ALFRED *On Native Grounds.* Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc.
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MORISON, SAMUEL ELIOT *Admiral of the Ocean Sea.* Little, Brown & Co.
O'CONNOR, EDWIN *The Last Hurrah.* Little, Brown & Co.
RIESMAN, DAVID *The Lonely Crowd.* Yale University Press
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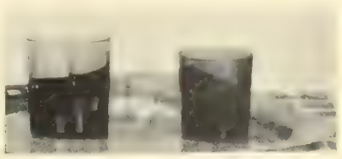
take only ten minutes baking time. They also make excellent hot hors d'oeuvres. I got mine from Charles & Co., New York.

Tips from my party food file, salad department: When garden lettuce is out of season and vine-ripened tomatoes are no more, cold rice generously mixed with fresh chopped parsley, chives and dried basil and well laced with lots of olive oil, black pepper and lemon juice is very good. Also canned red kidney beans mixed with pink onion rings and dressed with a piquant dressing. Or, tinned Blue Lake whole string beans or drained canned tomatoes, marinated with sour cream and curry powder and served icy cold.

Don and I have just finished furbishing our little weekend ski hut, and I must say I am delighted in particular with some of the things I have found. At Macy's, I picked up a four-wheeled, angled serving cart—a little like a golf bag carrier—which holds three removable round trays. One of the things that most appealed to me, aside from its lightweight maneuverability and ease of storage, was the brilliant color range the trays come in. I bought an olive green cart with blue and emerald trays, but then, in addition, another dozen trays for guests to use as lap tables—in yellow, turquoise and olive green. I could also have had them in purple, red and orange. It crossed my mind that a like serving cart would be great for the poolside next summer.



Another nifty find of my shopping spree was a whole wondrous array of plastic tableware created by Fratelli Guzzini and imported from Italy. I laid in three sizes of glasses—18 ounces, 12 ounces and 9 ounces. Amazingly thin, extremely straightforward in design, they come in a wide range of colors, but I stuck to the crystal clear, playing it neutral for a change. In addition to the transparent tumblers, I bought a cranberry-colored four-place hors d'oeuvres dish and two salad bowls. All Guzzini products——canisters to carafes—have the brilliant shimmer of Venetian glass, but can be literally bounced off the floor. A good solution for care-free housekeeping and entertaining.



Ideas for winter centerpieces: a miniature rose tree blooming in a silver champagne bucket; a fine china bowl holding four to six pots of African violets or maidenhair fern; sprigs of evergreen, straw flowers and statice pincushioned into a round loaf of bread; a pyramid arrangement of green bell peppers and dried Bells of Ireland.

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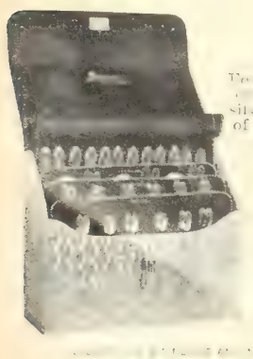


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Rudyard Kipling once referred poetically to "the old trail . . . the trail that's always new." He was definitely not referring to gardens or gardening. But he could have done worse. Because of all the unchanging verities of modern living, the ever-changing world of plants is the most immutable. Having posed this paradox, we turn once again to thoughts of the 1965 order blank for seeds and plants, to the winter's accumulation of new plans for the garden, to the increasingly troublesome matter of reconciling a smaller budget of time and perhaps available cash with an increased need for the rewards and satisfactions that gardening can offer busy people. At such a time it is heart-warming to look back as well as ahead (not to mention around).

The felicitous reissue by the present Ferry-Morse seed people of three of the firm's 1891 posters proves only that your grandparents responded to (or at least were exposed to) different sales stimuli from those of the present. It is doubtful that these posters, in the usual course of events, would induce you to buy a single seed. But you might be induced to buy the posters (which are for sale, we understand, at $5 for a set of three). And the firm is still one of the leaders in the business—along with such old-timers in the mail-order or commission-box field as W. Atlee Burpee of Philadelphia, Breck's of Boston, Northrup King of Minneapolis, Joseph Harris and Mandeville and King of Rochester and the Associated Seed Growers' complex. The names of Field, Olds, Interstate, Will, Burnett, Schling are typical of the mail-order houses that seem unflagging. They are joined, with emphasis on live plants and nursery stock, by such national and regional giants as Wayside Gardens, Jackson & Perkins, Conard-Pyle, Armstrong and Germaine. General specialists (can that be possible?) certainly would include White Flower Farm, Glen St. Mary's, Romaine B. Ware, Kelly Bros., and Will Tillotson's Roses, to name a reasonably dissimilar quintet. Out-and-out specialists are legion, even in these days of high labor and shipping costs—if for no other reason than that determined gardeners will not be denied.

Every gardener has his favorite catalogues, the selection having to do in part with habit; in part, horticultural inclination; in part, the pack-rat instinct. (In this office, of course, we have an enormous collection for helpful—we hope—reference.) For bulbs, though, it would be hard to do without P. de Jager's, Grant Misch's and Scheepers' lists (hardy), and Oakhurst Gardens' (largely tender) as well as others already mentioned. The orchid enthusiasts would wish to be kept *au courant* with the likes of Alberts and Merkel, Ilgenfritz, Oakhurst, Lager & Hurrell, to name another four. The primrose path, for example, still leads to Barnhaven and Vetterle & Reinelt (the latter bestrides the delphinium and be-



YESTERDAY: *One of the handful of American seed houses still doing business has had the happy if sentimental notion to reproduce three of its sales posters of the Nineties. Obviously the models for the figures are straight out of Horatio Alger Jr., and if pluck counts for anything, the Ferry (Ferry-Morse) seeds must have been winners. The posters, incidentally, are sold in sets of three.*



TODAY: *Barnhaven is one of the fine names in the world of primulas, and last spring H&G had a wandering editor within visiting distance. This is, despite appearances, the office of a working nursery and sales garden in a pleasant Oregon dell.*

MONTH



TOMORROW: *Polygonum 'Border Jewel' (P. affine) is related to fleece vine and to the tall airy P. reynoutria. It makes creeping pink mats.*



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Rose 'Polynesian Sunset' is another hybrid tea, vigorous and borne on a notably disease-resistant bush. Its fragrance is one of its real graces.

gonia paths, too). Pelargoniums are the jam on the Wilson Bros., bread and butter. Gardens-of-the-Blue-Ridge and Isaac Langley Williams take care of wildflower wants at opposite ends of the Appalachian Range. William Gratwick is the best tree peony man in the North and East (where there come no better tree peonies).

The future is concerned, as always, with next year's plant offerings. And next year's plant offerings, as always, are dominated by roses. Assuming that the industry's own estimate of 30,000,000 plants for the year's production is wildly generous (which it may well not be, for all we know), it is still certain that more rose bushes are sold and planted each year than any other rooted plant—and more than many other favorite start-them-yourself plants as well, for that matter. The two varieties winning the award of the All America Rose Selections Committee for 1965 are 'Mr. Lincoln' and 'Camelot' (H&G, September, 1964). Other promising new varieties, in any given area just as satisfactory, include 'John F. Kennedy,' one of the most substantial white hybrid teas to be tested in this country in recent years; the many-petaled red hybrid tea 'Lotte Gunthart'; and 'Polynesian Sunset.' If we were to name one more, we'd have to name a dozen.

We like a dainty new dwarf aster, 'Glitter,' and the polygonum 'Border Jewel,' of which one plant will develop into a cheerful 2-foot mat of dark green with small spikes of pink-to-rose florets. And to chrysanthemums there is no end. Bird names continue to appear, and the flowers are a joy *all* of them. But for once, we'll stop there.

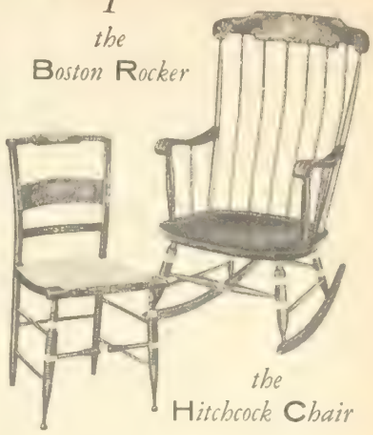
The other national selection group, All America Seed Selections, tests and assays flowers and vegetables available to the public in seed packets. Usually a zinnia, marigold or petunia (often all three) appear on the winners' list. To name one for 1965, zinnia 'Yellow Zenith' takes a bronze medal. Bronze medals go also to a grandiflora petunia 'Appleblossom,' which is really salmon pink with a white throat, and to a dwarf snapdragon with the omnibus tag 'Floral Carpet Rose.'

A new everbearing (meaning late summer and fall) raspberry that sounds promising, although not tested by H&G, is introduced as 'Fallred.' We list it in the hope that it will be a bit less sweet and a lot less mushy than the old stand-by 'Indian Summer' usually is.

There are, as always, too many new plants to test, even to grow in any one season. It is, in a sense, not fair for a magazine such as H&G (or any other) to select a few for special note. Except that editors, like gardeners, have to make a beginning somewhere.

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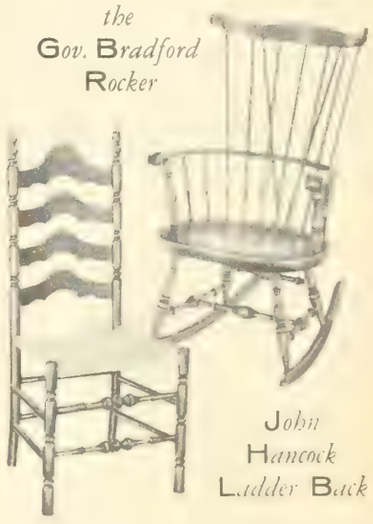


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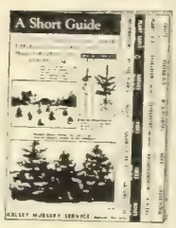
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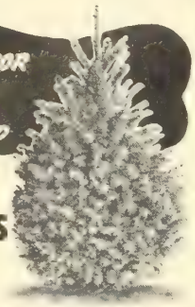
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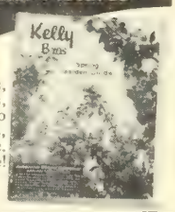


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Shopping information

All prices approximate, include Federal tax. *Through decorators

Monogramming
Page 127, *upper left:*
On bed: Aztec gold sheets and pillowcase with contemporary block monogram in Blueberry Blue. Single flat sheet, $3.99; single fitted sheet, $4.19; pillowcase, $2. Pepperell Mills.
"Suflay" throw, mohair and nylon in Blueberry Blue, $35. Einiger Mills.
Furniture: Biedermeier cherry bed, single size, $190; cherry round table with brass gallery, 18½" x 24½" h., $130. Baker Furniture Co.
Wallpaper: "Joan" pattern, 27" width, 8½" repeat. Brunschwig & Fils, Inc.*
Everything else privately owned.
Upper right:
On bed: "Royal Satin" percale sheets and pillowcase in princess pink with *art nouveau* monogram. Single flat or fitted sheet, $5.95; pillowcase, $1.75. Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.
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Furniture: Bed and headboard 56" in brass with solid mahogany slats lacquered "Glade" green, $366 including Harvard frame. Night stand in solid mahogany with "Glade" lacquer finish, solid brass frame. $202. Harvey Probber, Assoc.
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Lower left:
On bed: "Brittany Stripe" percale palace blue and white striped sheets and pillowcase with monogram in Citrus and white. Single top sheet with solid blue border and all stripe bottom sheet, $3.59 ea., pillowcase, $1.25. Cannon Mills, Inc. "Hop-Skip" "nap-wrap," 54" x 72" in mohair and nylon, Citrus Green, $20. Einiger Mills.
Furniture: Cherry headboard and frame with Connoisseur finish, twin size, $230; table 19" x 29" x 25", Chablis finish on cherry wood, $270. Baker Furniture Co.
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On bed: "Crowning Touch" sheets and pillowcase, olive embroidery on white "Lustercale" (60 per cent cotton, 40 per cent Avril). Single flat sheet, $5; pillowcase, $1.75. Wamsutta.
"Contempo" blanket, twintone reversible virgin acrylic with all nylon velvet binding, "neva-shed" finish, 80" x 90", $13.99: Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.
Furniture: Cherry headboard and frame in Connoisseur finish, $210; walnut and cherry table, veneto and gold, 18" x 22½" x 22½" h. $258. Baker Furniture Co.
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The Disappearing Kitchen
Page 129:
Bottom left:
"Gasgrill" gas pedestal barbecues. Arkla Air Conditioning Co.
Black cast-iron casserole, $22.50. Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Gas street lights. Charmglow Products.
Bottom right:
Gazebo canvas, "Aristocrat-Pavilion" in Antique Gold and white. Cooley Inc.
Table and chairs, 42" diam., glass top table, wrought-iron frames painted Tangerine, 5-pc. set, $296. Salterini.
Champagne cooler, $32.95. Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Pages 130 & 131:
1. Dishwasher. KitchenAid.
Translucent ceiling panels, "Canterbury" Acrylite, $1.27 sq. ft., by American Cyanamid.
All countertops by Formica Corp.
Wood plates, $8.75 ea., Georg Jensen.
Black wrought-metal chandelier, $106.60. Lightolier.
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2. Princess place mat, plastic with foam back. $1. Ullman Co.
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Arabia "Sunrose" pitcher, $6.50. Georg Jensen.
6. Enamelware pots, pans and coffeepots. U. S. Stamping Co.

Hamburger Cook Book
Page 139:
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Page 140:
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Page 141:
Heavy-duty aluminum hamburger press, 5" diam., $5. La Cuisinière.
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Page 143:
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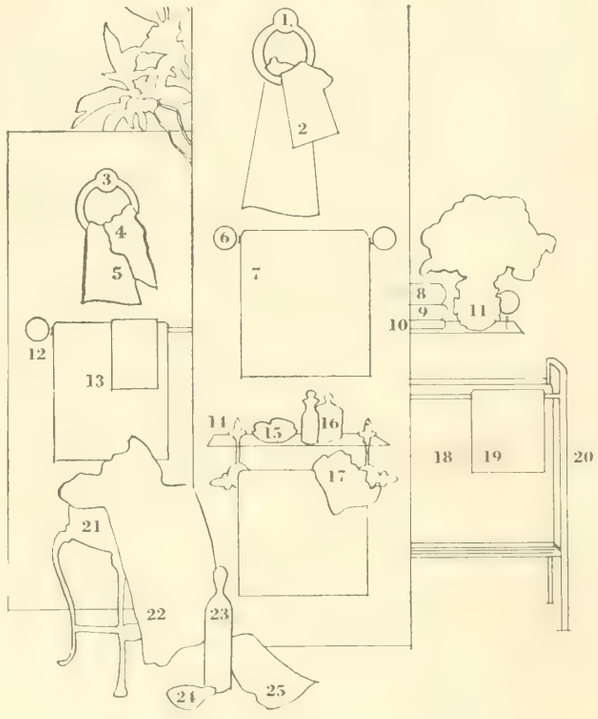
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Notes for January Gardeners

Whenever you find an easier way to garden, look for a harder one just to even the score



First weekend

Sweeper's luck. Leaf raking, which is an acceptable social exercise almost anywhere in the autumn, loses distinction when winter comes. That is a pity, because more lawns need more raking in January than they do in any month except perhaps October—and then only in the great deciduous tree areas of the country. The category of leaves, of course, is here understood to include the needles and other narrow leaves of evergreens, as well as the lesser kinds of debris such as gum and popsicle wrappers, matchbox covers and the like. Except for plastic products, all other listed items will rot if given a suitable place to rot in. The right place is definitely not the lawn; otherwise any out-of-the-way spot in the garden will do—especially flower beds and shrubbery borders. So on a crisp January morning, fare forth first, like a park attendant, with a nail-tipped stick to pick up the unrottables.



Second weekend

Basic books. In the course of the day's work, questions come to H&G's Garden Department that require, for answer, reference to certain standard horticultural texts and books on special but broad garden subjects. The books in this category are available in many public libraries, but, alas, not all. So it may be useful to itemize our own list. Many accomplished gardeners already possess all the titles—or titles that are appropriate to special needs. The whole list is not large; but it is expensive, even as books go today. And while it would by no means crowd a 5-foot shelf from left to right, it would require, for some volumes, more than normal shelf dimensions up and down. Here is the shelf to which this department refers almost by reflex action.

Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture (L. H. Bailey, 3 volumes) is not-up-to-date for nomenclature or taxonomy (plant classification) but indispensable in this country for basic information.

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The Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs (Alfred Rehder, 1 volume) is of the same era as Bailey's *Cyclopedia*—much of which the great Rehder wrote. Since Rehder wrote, much nomenclature has been changed—not always clarified, but changed according to accepted international rules. So use this book for information not readily available elsewhere.

The Illustrated Flora of the Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada (Britton and Brown, 3 volumes) is still, in the 1952 revision, the standard native plant authority for the region.

Exotica 3 (Alfred B. Graf) is a stupendous and incomparable illustrated encyclopedia of non-native (or less familiar and normally non-hardy) ornamental plants—many of them the sort grown in greenhouses and indoors in this country. (This book alone will cost around $10.)

The foregoing works, new or newly secondhand, will cost $150—easily. But they are basic to serious plantsmen.

In the second rank, but the same shelf, these books follow:

Donald Wyman's three fine texts, each one a compact volume—*Trees for American Gardens*, *Shrubs and Vines* (for ditto), *Groundcovers* (also for ditto). The nomenclature is "revisionist" and we don't happen to like it. But the authority is great, the garden value unsurpassed.

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Roderick Cumming's and Robert Lee's *Contemporary Perennials* has the most up-to-date nomenclature in its category.

Louis Pyenson's *Keep Your Garden Healthy* is the latest concise handbook on pests and diseases. It is too pest-conscious, but that is Dr. Pyenson's field.

Patrick M. Synge's *Complete Guide to Bulbs* is the last word on its subject, both as to nomenclature, classification and description (remembering that it is written by a Briton, for English gardeners).

The foregoing books are nominal in cost (say about $5 to $10 maximum each). To these add one general book of miscellaneous garden information: James and Louise Bush-Brown's *America's Garden Book* (current edition of 1960). This does not really complete our list, but it uses up all the available space.



Third weekend

Bromeliad brief. This happy breed of epiphytes (mostly "tree perching," as the technical books say) includes, along with the ordinary pineapple, some of the most durable and dependable of indoor plants. For the most part, they consist of funnels or rosettes of leaves in various forms and colorations, that produce, each for one season only, flowering spikes of outstanding and spectacular brilliance. The plants survive as much as a result of the water and attendant dissolved organic matter that falls into their foliage funnels in the course of natural or superintended events as a result of the roots by which they will anchor themselves in crevices or pots of sandy soil. There are at least two dozen available forms or varieties in half-a-dozen species that are well worth growing. Among the important genera include: aechmea, cryptanthus, vriesia, neoregelia, nidularium, guzmania and billbergia. For full descriptions and pictures of more than you will ever grow, refer in your library to *Exotica 3* (preceding paragraphs). But you can scarcely make a poor choice, especially within the limits of most greenhouse dealers supplies. Remember these few basic facts: Each foliage rosette or cluster produces one flower burst per tube or rosette, then becomes unproductive and can be cut off, to make room for succeeding growth. Most members of the bromelia family will rot if planted in heavy or overmoist earth. Most species will readily root in sand from a root piece containing an eye or foliage bud. Most varieties will become unkempt messes unless old and drying foliage is removed after flowering. The inflorescence (flowering display) of most species lasts from three to six weeks, often more, of effective life. Most species survive in a cool window or greenhouse, with little direct sun.



Fourth weekend

Tag lines. The problem of temporary (say from two months to two years) labels for plants is one we have given up on—not because there are not long-lasting labels on the market, but because most of them have a way of getting lost or broken apparently without human assistance. But the permanent label is something that every gardener with a substantial number of good plants should be concerned about. The ultimate answer is to use embossed metal labels, suspended from heavy and long wire stakes, for herbaceous or low-growing plants, and to hang what park arboretum directors refer to as accession labels for all trees and shrubs. High-priced embossing tools ($25 and up) will do a fancy job on aluminum or zinc strips. But thin pieces of aluminum ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 4 inches or more) cut from do-it-yourself sheets with household shears will serve as well. To mark, lay each strip on several layers of newspaper; impress the plant name on it with a smoothly pointed nail (or equivalent tool). Punch a hole at one end to receive a length of aluminum wire. Loop the wire loosely from a permanent branch of your tree or shrub. Place the label either at the front of the plant, as it would normally be observed, or at the same part of the plant according to the compass (say on the north side of the plant).

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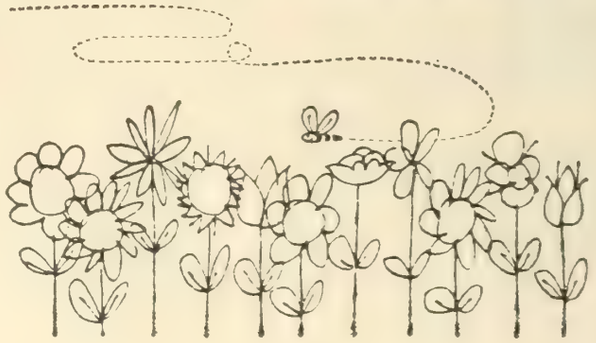
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You can silk screen many surfaces—fabric, paper, wood, plaster—but bear in mind that the texture of the surface you are imprinting will alter the sharpness of the print. (For example, burlap will not accept an image as smoothly as polished cotton.) In addition to the accessories on page 100, any of the following projects should be well within an amateur craftsman's ability.

(1) Add a border of suns to a circular felt table cover. (2) Print a row of suns along the hem of a plain white shower curtain. Repeat motif over the tile dado around bathroom (you can silk screen directly on a plaster wall surface). (3) Use a silk-screen-printed design to decorate furniture in a children's room or family room. Prepare wood surface by giving it a coat of clear acrylic polymer first. (4) Decorate a folding screen with a pattern or border. (5) Print suns on place mats or tablecloths of any material. (6) Silk-screen print a lampshade, either of fabric or paper. Print it flat and then encircle it around a wire shade frame. (7) Make a cloth valance to be mounted over a window where you have print curtains, and decorate the valance with a motif picked up from the pattern of the curtains. (8) Make a stencil monogram and use it on sheets and pillowcases. (See page 126 for some suggestions on monograms.) (9) Personalize your library, or someone else's library, with book plates printed with a suitable motif. (10) Key all the trappings of a party—paper cloth or mats, place cards, napkins, coasters, etc.—to an over-all theme and decorate all with a single appropriate design.



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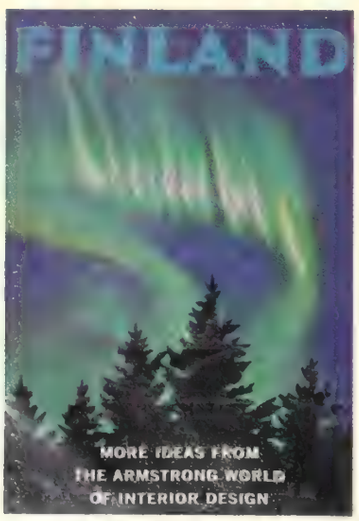
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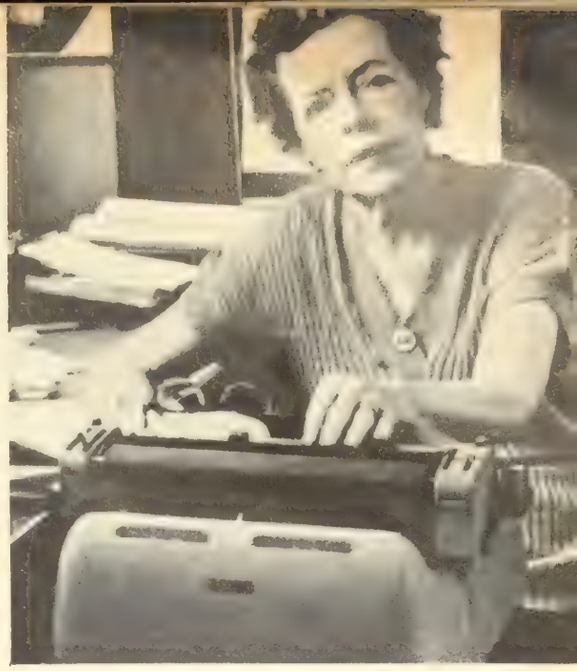
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By Faith Baldwin

I think it's very unfortunate that many women with real writing talent bury it under a mountain of dishes.

Actually, writing is one of the ideal professions for women. You don't have to go to an office, you don't have to be away with half your mind on your household . . . wondering, if it rains, did you close the windows? And for the woman who is tied down to her home, writing provides a wonderful means of emotional release and self-expression, to say nothing of the extra income it can bring.

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Even without the responsibilities of a home, starting my career wouldn't have been easy. It's hard to learn to write well enough to be published when you're working all alone.

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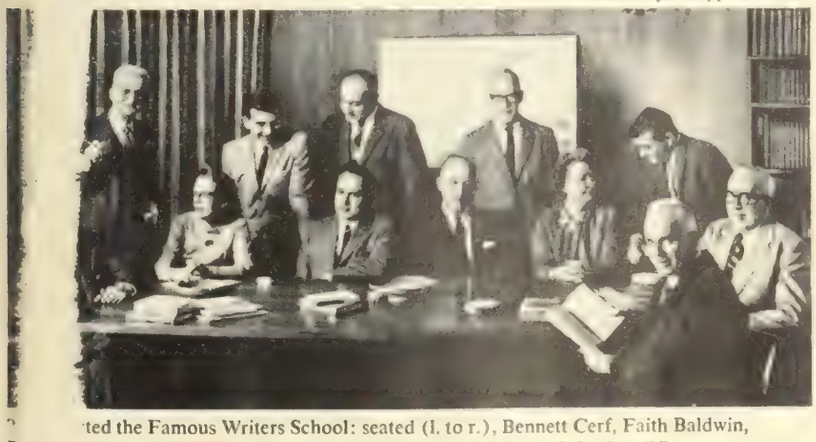
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On the cover: By merging an open porch, a sun porch and an adjoining breakfast room, the Charles Merinoffs acquired what they had long wanted for their house in Atlantic Beach, N. Y.—one big, bright room for entertaining and family gatherings. Interior designer David Barrett, who planned the new room, enclosed the open part of the porch with large sliding windows. Then, after tearing down the interior partitions between the original three spaces, he re-faced the remaining walls with white vinyl. On the floor went a new covering of white ceramic tiles to conceal the breaks that remained when the partitions were removed. To hide the window shade rollers, he added a scalloped wood valance which he continued all around the room to unite, architecturally, the converted space. Another unifier is the heavy linen print that covers the sofas and is laminated for the window shades. When pulled down at night, the shades on the two walls of windows transform the room completely, creating the all-over patterned look of papered walls. Starting on page 90, you will find the stories of other widely dissimilar families who got the houses they wanted by remodeling the houses they had.

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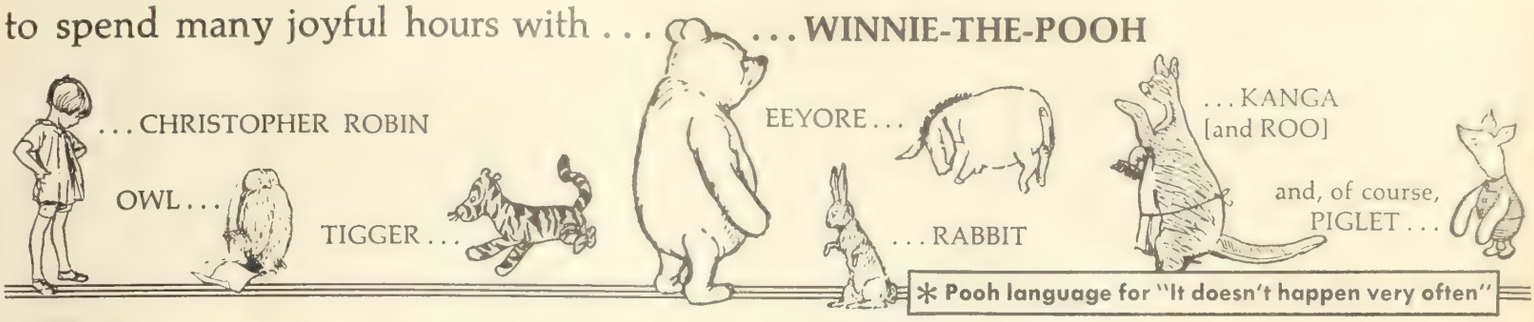
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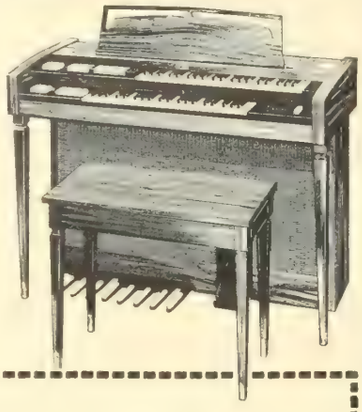
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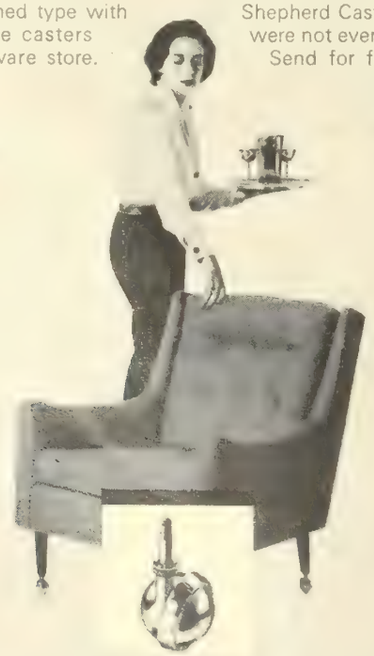
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Resilient floors

How to preserve their luster

Almost all resilient floorings, no matter how glossy their natural state, benefit from periodic waxing. A coat of wax not only helps preserve the surface of the floor as it does with wood, barring particles of dirt from being ground in and scratching the finish, but also by emphasizing the luster, wax seems to enhance and give even greater depth to the colors of the floorings.

Taking care of a resilient floor is on the whole a fairly straightforward and easy undertaking, but there are a few wrinkles you do well to heed to bring out the best in your floor. Most important of all, before you even open your cleaning closet, is to bear in mind exactly what *kind* of floor you have because the type of floor dictates the type of care. The most popular types of resilient floors are tiles of vinyl, vinyl asbestos, asphalt, vinyl sealed cork and natural cork, and rolls of linoleum and sheet vinyl. Rubber tile is not often put down today, but if you live in an old house or apartment, you possibly may have a floor of rubber tile. Certain floors such as vinyl, vinyl asbestos and asphalt tend to look somewhat alike, particularly in solid colors. So if you have moved into a house or apartment where resilient floors are already down, try to find out the identity of your inherited floor. Vinyl, vinyl asbestos, vinyl sealed cork and linoleum can all be taken care of in more or less the same way, but asphalt and rubber need a slightly different tack because of their softer surfaces. Natural cork demands an entirely different treatment.

When you install a new resilient floor, keep off it if you can for twenty-four hours and then be gentle with it for about 5 to 7 days in order to give the mastic a chance to dry thoroughly and the flooring to become securely bonded to the sub-floor. Sweep the floor lightly each day with a soft broom and keep water off it at all costs. At the end of the waiting period, seal the floor with two thin coats of wax—but be sure the floor is completely clean before you do this. If your soft broom does not remove everything, give the floor a quick going over with a damp mop and then dry it thoroughly with a clean dry mop before applying the wax. This treatment applies to everything but a natural cork floor (for that, see below).

For an asphalt or rubber tile floor, use only a water-base, self-polishing wax. For a vinyl, vinyl asbestos, vinyl sealed cork or linoleum floor, you can use a self-polishing wax or, if you do not mind contributing some elbow grease, you can use a solvent-base wax—the kind that has to be buffed.

Be sparing when you apply wax. Two thin coats will protect the floor much better than one thick coat which will harden only on the surface and leave a soft, gummy layer underneath that will absorb ground-in dirt. Apply the polish with long, even strokes working in the same direction. And in the case of a self-polishing wax, keep off the floor until the wax is completely dry.

Daily care

Each day, go over the floor with a broom, damp mop or vacuum cleaner to remove loose particles of dirt and prevent them from scratching or grinding into the finish of the floor. If you spill something, wipe it up right away.

A sticky spot will attract dirt like a magnet and once the accumulation hardens, getting it up will be much tougher and you may remove part of the wax finish in the cleaning process. Steer clear of mops and cloths heavily pretreated with special cleaning oils when wiping up spills. An overdose of oil may streak the wax and leave a sticky film that will attract dirt. Some oils may soften the surface of asphalt and rubber tile.

When to wash—and how

When the floor begins to look dull, it is time to wash and wax it again—but if you stick to the daily care routine, this should not be necessary too often. For all floors except a natural cork floor, use a mild detergent diluted with sufficient warm water in the proportions printed on the label. (Too strong soap or overly hot water may fade or discolor a resilient floor or make it brittle.) Apply the solution with a clean mop, a cloth or a polishing machine and scrub only where dirt seems to have dug itself in. To remove black scuff marks or dislodge stubborn dirt, rub the spots lightly with fine (#00) steel wool. Mop up the suds, then rinse with clear, cool water to remove every last trace of the detergent and dirt. Be sparing with the water,

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All resilient floors (except perhaps natural cork) need to be stripped of wax fairly often—particularly if they are a light color. If too many layers of wax build up, they tend to give the floor a yellowish cast. Twice a year should be frequent enough for this operation if you have been waxing in light coats. There are several specially made preparations on the market for taking up old coats of wax. Or you can make your own wax-removing solution with ½ cup of heavy-duty detergent and ½ cup of household ammonia mixed in one gallon of warm water. Swab it sparingly over the floor and let the solution stand for several minutes to penetrate into the old wax. Scrub any particularly stubborn spots. Mop up the cleaner and then rinse well with clear, cool water and let the floor dry thoroughly before you apply your first coat of new wax.

Special care for natural cork

After a new floor of natural cork has been down for twenty-four hours, give it a protective covering of two thin coats of wax as soon as possible. As with wood, however, the wax must be a solvent-base wax—the paste or liquid cleaning wax you have to buff, or the new self-polishing kind that dries shiny. A water-base wax should never go on a natural cork floor because water causes natural cork to swell and sometimes also discolors the floor.

The products available

Special cleaning and waxing solutions for resilient floors are in greater abundance today than ever—and being refined all the time. To help you select the right kind for your floor and time schedule, here is a chart of some nationally available products you can get, arranged in groups according to what they can do.

Self-polishing Waxes

All of the following are water-based and may be used on any kind of resilient floors except natural cork. You swab them onto the floor and when the water evaporates, a smooth, glossy finish remains.

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Paste Waxes

These may be used on vinyl, vinyl asbestos, linoleum, vinyl sealed cork or natural cork, and must be buffed.

Aerowax Clear Paste Wax
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Bruce Paste Wax
Bruce Tuf-Lustre Wax
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Johnson's Paste Wax
Minwax Paste Finishing Wax

Liquid Cleaning Waxes

These are solvent-based, may be used on natural cork (or vinyl, vinyl asbestos, vinyl sealed cork or linoleum) but never on asphalt or rubber tile. Residual wax left after floor is cleaned must be buffed to produce high sheen.

Bruce Cleaning Wax
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Self-Polishing Liquid Cleaning Waxes

These actually perform three steps—cleaning, waxing, polishing. They include two types. The first is water-based, may be used for any resilient floor *except* natural cork:

Armstrong One-Step Floor Care
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The second type is solvent-based, designed primarily for wood floors, but may also be used on natural cork:

Armstrong One-Step Wood Floor Care
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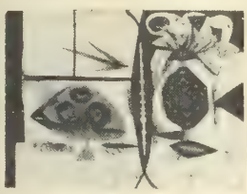
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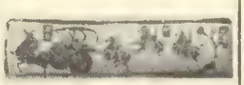
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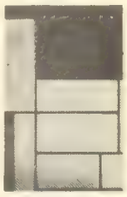
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Most music-prone households today are the happier for one or two robot Loreleis—a piano and/or an organ. They are played with varying degrees of accomplishment, yet often with only a casual notion of what makes them tick. Since their mechanisms can be understood reasonably well through a good look at their nomenclature, the following glossary—although it will turn no one into a piano or organ tuner—is offered to laymen who would be less laic.

The Piano

Bridge: A strip of wood, usually maple, which relays the vibrations of the strings (they are stretched tightly across it) to the soundboard, upon which the bridge rests. The curves of the bridge define the vibrating length of the strings; its height determines the amount of pressure exerted on the soundboard.

Dampers: For pianissimo playing, these are mechanical mufflers of soft wool felt which press against the strings to deaden their vibration. Hammers initiate sound, dampers soften it.

Felts: These are two layers of wool felt, firmly glued to the striking surface of each hammer to provide richness of tone. "Voicing," the renewal or revitalizing of felts, should be done about every three years to avoid the tinny sound worn felts can produce.

Keys: Whatever the instrument's size, eighty-eight is the standard quota of keys for all pianos. Hung on pivots, the keys are actually levers that trigger small wooden hammers which, in turn, strike the strings and cause them to vibrate. This connecting mechanism between keys and hammers is called the "action." The keys, which are made of lightweight wood covered with plastic (ivory, in the old days, but no more: ivory yellows, plastic doesn't), are weighted for uniformity of touch and, in a good piano, are constructed in a way that permits each to rise instantly into place when the pianist's pressure is released.

Pedals: There are three pedals on a piano. The first, at right, is the damper or loud pedal which lifts the dampers away from the strings so that the tone, although not any louder, is prolonged. (Loudness is produced by the pianist's strength.) The second, at left, is the soft pedal which pushes the entire row of hammers nearer to the strings, thus reducing the force of the hammers' blow and softening the tone. The third, at center, is the sostenuto, which is similar to the damper pedal in function, but is a *selective* damper-lifting device which permits the pianist to sustain certain notes and still have free use of the rest of the keyboard.

Piano Back: These are supports at the back of the piano which distribute the stress the strings produce. The number and size of these posts are important factors in the piano's construction.

Piano Plate: A metal frame extending the entire width and length of the instrument over the bridge and soundboard, and fastened at the back of the piano at the edges of the wood frame. The purpose of the plate is to help the wood framework support the tremendous pressure (about 20 tons) exerted by the strings. The best plates are made of cast iron and give not even one-thousandth of an inch.

Player Piano: A dual-function instrument that can be played manually or, by means of an electrically operated, perforated music roll, automatically. Once, player pianos were pumped like old-fashioned melodeons. Today, they play gaily at the push of a button.

Soundboard: This element of a piano sustains and amplifies the sound vibrations created by the hammers and strings. There are two main types: first, the classic board of solid strips of wood (in the best pianos, spruce) glued edgewise and seasoned by time, and second, the board of laminated plywood cemented with waterproof resin glues. The quality of a piano's sound hinges largely on the quality of its soundboard. The tones produced by the strings, however perfect, would be weak

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ENGLISH REGENCY CHEST

My small chest is 12½ inches tall and 6½ inches wide, with five drawers—including the one concealed in the base—5 inches deep. It has a small marble top and I believe the veneer is rosewood. Could you possibly estimate the age of the chest?

M. G.—Brooklyn, N. Y.

Your chest of drawers has all the earmarks of an English piece of the latter years of the Regency period—that is between 1820 and 1830.



U. S. MONEY SHOE

Can you give me any information on this shoe made from canceled U. S. paper money?

J. P.—Girard, Ohio

For many years canceled paper money was ground to pulp in a water mill and cast into various shapes. It is not done today. The shoe dates about 1880–1895.



ENGLISH SUGAR BOWL

Attached is the picture of a sugar bowl I own. The mark is W & H with pennant. Do you know where it was made?

T. L. L.—Cleveland, Ohio

The piece is English plated silver made by Walker & Hall, Ltd., Howard Street, Sheffield, after 1900. The firm still operates.



EMPIRE SIDE CHAIR

Any information on this chair will be appreciated. It has a separate original horsehair seat and Roman numerals on back made with a gouge. *R. B.—Albuquerque, N. M.*

Yours is a mahogany side chair of the American Empire period. Chairs like this were made in considerable quantity from 1820–1835, often in sets of six or eight.



SHERATON CONSOLE

My mahogany console is 37 inches high and 51 inches wide. I believe the dolphins that anchor the top are hand carved. They are in two sections held together by wooden dowels. Is it possible to tell me in what style the piece is, and when and where it was made? *M. M. M.—Dallas, Tex.*

Your console is American Sheraton and dates about 1815–1820. A fine cabinetmaker made it in either New York, Philadelphia or Boston.

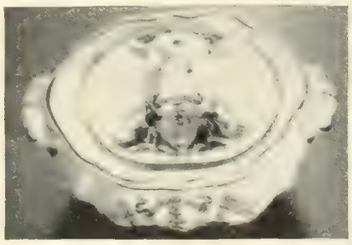




DUTCH CLOCK FROM FRANCE

I recently purchased this Dutch windmill clock. The case looks like delft—blue on white porcelain—with no marks of identification. The movement, we were told, is not original, but is by Etienne Mexant made for J. E. Caldwell & Co. Can you furnish further data on the clock? A. E. R.—Stamford, Conn.

Since the delft-style case bears no pottery marks, we cannot trace its maker. Etienne Mexant was a Paris clockmaker in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. If the movement is marked "Made in France," that dates it after 1891, when all exports to the United States had to be so marked. J. E. Caldwell and Co. is still a leading Philadelphia jeweler.



STAFFORDSHIRE COVERED DISH

Any comments on this covered dish will be appreciated. There is no trademark, but as you can see there is some sort of coat of arms. Mottoes on banners read "Firm as an Oak; Sobriety; Domestic Comfort; Health, Wealth, Wisdom; Be Thou Faithful Unto Death." *G. L.—Elmira, N. Y.*

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and tinkly without the resonance provided by the soundboard.

Strings: Of tempered steel, there are three or two strings to each note in the upper and middle registers, one string to each note in the lower registers. The sound produced is determined by the length and diameter of the strings. The longer and less taut the string, the lower the pitch. Bass register strings are often sheathed to weight them and produce lower pitches. All strings should be elastic and vibrate freely to give the piano a "singing" quality. Two sets of metal pins secure the ends of the strings: At one end, the strings are wound around tuning pins which are inserted through (but do not touch) the piano plate. They rest in the pin block—sometimes called the wrest plank—and may be turned by means of a tuning hammer to loosen or tighten strings. The other ends of the strings are attached to hitching pins—stationary metal pins driven into the piano plate. The quality of the pin block influences the length of time a piano will stay in tune.

Touch: This is the reaction of key to finger, not only in depth, but in speed of response. Keys should be sensitive to the lightest fingering, yet firm and elastic under the most vigorous pressure. A time lapse (called lost motion) between touch and hammer should not be tolerated. In a well-constructed piano, it does not exist. Keys should react as quickly as the fingers can play. This is called repetition. Trilling two keys rapidly will determine whether or not they repeat as they should.

Vertical and Horizontal: The two main categories of pianos. In a vertical—or upright—the strings run up and down. In a horizontal—or grand—the strings run parallel to the floor. Horizontal construction, obviously, has certain advantages over the vertical method. It permits a greater length of string, which improves the tone; it is a better position, acoustically, for the soundboard (in a vertical, the rear side of the soundboard must often be backed against a wall, thus muffling the tone). Also, in a horizontal the hammers operate with, not against, the force of gravity, and the open top helps to deflect sound. Nevertheless, there are some extremely good verticals being made today, and when space must be considered, they are the answer. (A growing custom to use them as peninsulas at right angles to a wall does away with sound-muffling.) Because of the eighty-eight keys, piano widths remain constant. There is a variance in the heights of verticals, however (height can sometimes be important), depending on type. A *spinet* is usually 39 inches high, sometimes a bit less. A *console* measures from 40 to 43 inches and a *studio*, 44 inches and up. A really big grand piano takes up about as much space as a sizable automobile, and is apt to cost more. It should—it is a lifetime investment.

The Organ

Chord Organ: An organ with only one manual and a series of buttons which, when pressed, register different chords.

Console: Strictly speaking, the combination of manual and pedal keyboards in a large organ. In an instrument for a serious musician, the manual keyboards run five complete octaves and include sixty-six notes. The pedal keyboard should include thirty-two notes. Quite often, however, the term console is used—somewhat loosely—to refer to the cabinet of any organ, whatever its size.

Couplers: Tone controls that enable the organist to create the effect of several octaves sounding when only one note is played. Couplers are very important in a small organ since they can do much to approximate the complex sound of wide pitch which is gained on a big organ by playing several ranks of pipes at once.

Expression Pedal: A pedal to raise and lower the volume and inflect the music. Without it, the music would have little more variety than an uninflected human voice.

Manuals: The two keyboards played with the hands. Most standard organs have two manuals—the upper or Swell or Solo (usually played with the right hand), and the lower or Great or Accompaniment (usually played with the left hand). At times, either hand may play either manual.

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MPO: Musical power output—the standard for measuring, in watts, the volume of sound an electric organ is capable of generating. The term is analogous to the power potential of an automobile.

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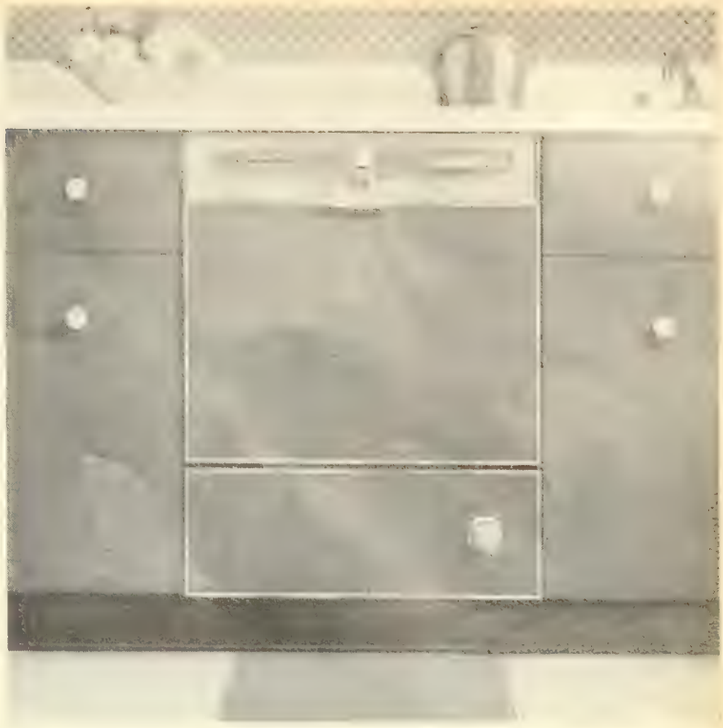
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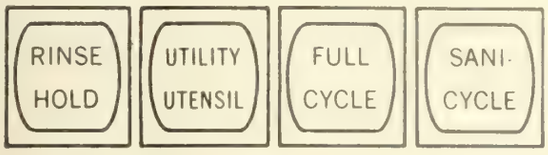
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Dry air is insatiably thirsty air. As your heating system labors to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature, the outside air it heats keeps expanding in volume and seeking additional moisture wherever it can find it. The warmer your house, the lower your relative humidity is likely to be. On a typical winter day, the air in most houses is actually drier than that in the Sahara Desert or Death Valley. And warm air is no respecter of either persons or property. It draws moisture from your furniture, rugs, book bindings, oil paintings, musical instruments. As a result, veneers loosen, chair legs become unglued, carpeting generates static electricity and wears out faster, bindings crack, paintings check and pianos go out of tune.

Excessive dryness also causes house plants to droop—and human beings, too. Responsible medical researchers have long recognized insufficient humidity as a contributing factor in upper respiratory infections. Indoor dryness evaporates the moisture content in the nasal passages that keeps bacteria flowing safely through the system.

Excessive dryness produces other unpleasant physical symptoms. As moisture evaporates from your body, you feel uncomfortably cold (a sensation similar to the chill you experience on coming out of a pool on a hot summer day). To compensate, you turn up the thermostat, adding to your fuel bill. Other dry-air irritants include chapped and itchy skin, dry hair and scalp, brittle fingernails—all because they, too, are yielding to the air's constant demand for moisture.

Short of turning down the thermostat and bundling yourself into buffalo robes, there is only one way to correct the imbalance between indoor temperature and relative humidity: by adding moisture to the air by mechanical means.

You can evaporate a small amount of moisture into the air by boiling water in a teakettle, by placing a pan of water on a radiator or by doing the family laundry. But these do-it-yourself expedients cannot begin to quench the atmospheric thirst. (A large house may evaporate 15 to 20 gallons of water each day in order to maintain a safe minimum temperature-humidity balance.) The one permanent, sure answer is a humidifier of the type that can be installed as an integral part of your heating system.

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The proper humidifier also depends upon the type of construction of your house. Engineers rate houses as "loose" (no insulation, no

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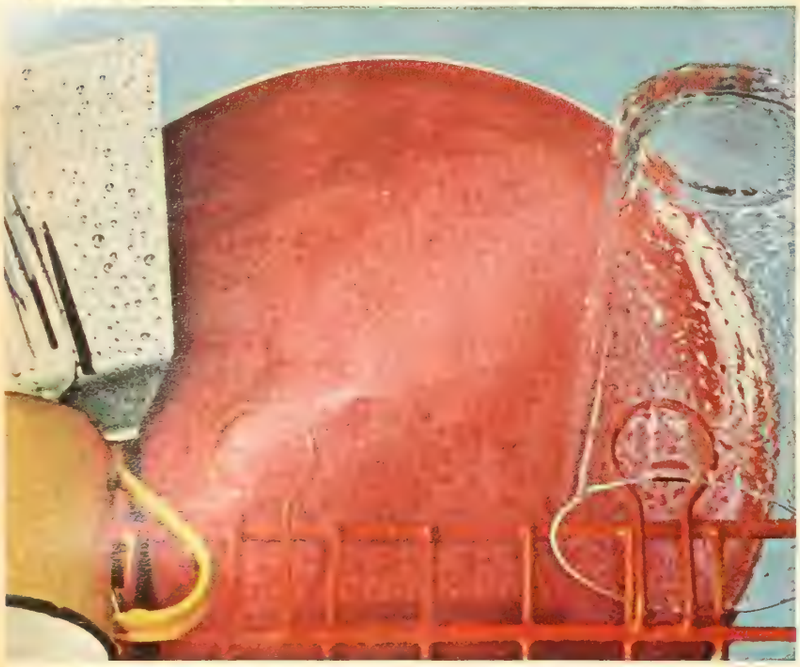
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storm sash, no weather stripping and no vapor barriers); "average" (insulation in walls and ceilings, vapor barriers, loose storm sash); and "tight" (insulation in walls and ceilings, vapor barriers, tight storm sash or double glazed windows, weather stripping). In a loose house, there are two-and-a-half complete changes of air every hour; in a tight one, just one change of air every hour. Which means, of course, that neither furnace nor humidifier need work so hard in a well-built house to produce the desired effect.

Next to the capacity of a humidifier, you should make sure it comes equipped with a reliable humidistat, which controls the amount of moisture needed around the clock to assure a proper temperature-humidity balance. Check, too, on whether or not the humidifier you may buy is designed to eliminate the lime and other mineral deposits which in some hard-water areas can collect in such amounts as to damage the mechanism. The leading makers guarantee their products against this damage. And finally, be assured that a humidifier, in the process of evaporating moisture into the air, does not also cause white dustlike mineral particles to be blown throughout the house. Good humidifiers will not.

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PIANO AND ORGAN GLOSSARY *continued from page 16*

Pedal Keyboard: Sometimes called the bass clavier, and homologous to the manuals, this keyboard is played with the feet—both heel and toe. Varying from one to four octaves of a low pitch, the keyboard is used to provide a musical "foundation" of strength, smoothness and added body.

Permanent Pitch: Achieved through the use of vacuum tubes or transistors in certain organs to eliminate the need for tuning.

Registration: The selection of combinations of voices to produce an infinite variety of harmonies. The organ is the only instrument blessed with the tonal range of an entire symphony orchestra. Registration, consequently, is to organ music what orchestration is to orchestral music.

Reverberation: Sometimes, a bit slangily condensed to "reverb"—a mechanically produced reflection or echo of sound regulated by one of the tonal controls and used to expand the luster of the music.

Spinet: A small organ, usually with a forty-four-note keyboard and thirteen pedal notes. This is an instrument for the home, and despite its comparative smallness, surprisingly versatile.

Stops: Tabs or levers or buttons located above and/or on each side of the keyboards, and used to select the voice or combination of voices desired by the organist.

Sustain: A tone control that enables the organist to hold a note or chord after his fingers have left the keys, thus building the music to greater richness.

Theatre Organ: The metamorphosis of this gigantic instrument with a horseshoe-shape console from movie-palace grandeur to its present popularity as a small, living room delight was examined in detail in the December, 1964 issue of H&G.

Tibia: A pipe much favored in theatre organs. Sweetly flute-like, it has an almost human quality.

Tremolo or Vibrato: The rapid, continuous fluttering of a tone—a musical pulsation which is adjusted by a tonal control. Used tastefully, it can be effective, particularly in popular music of the "ballad" school.

Voice: Actually, the quality of tone. Four main categories of voices are produced by an organ: wind (like a flute), string (like a violin), reed (like a clarinet) and diapason—a full-throated orchestral tone, usually heard as the musical backbone of a church or concert organ.



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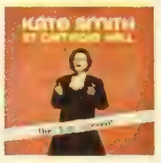
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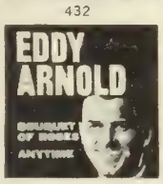
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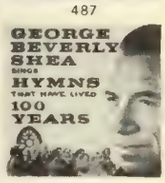
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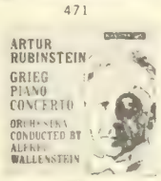


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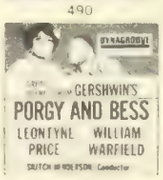
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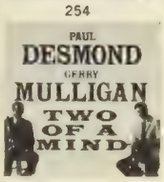
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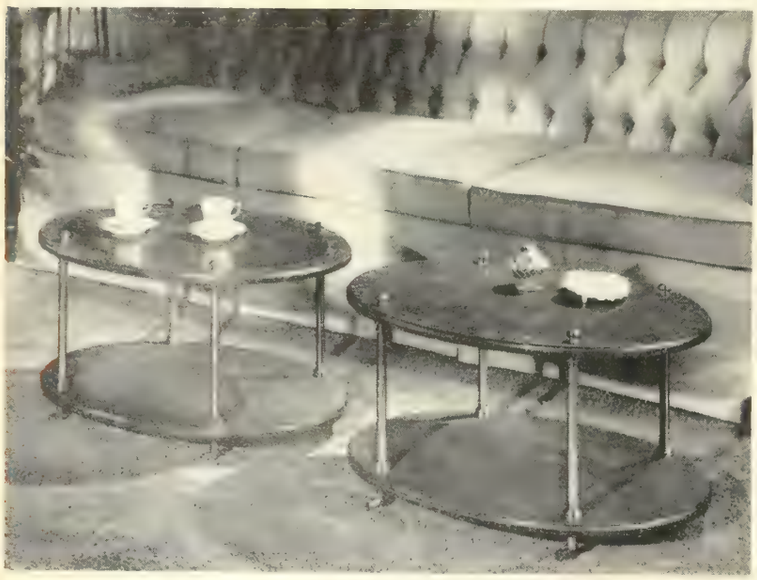
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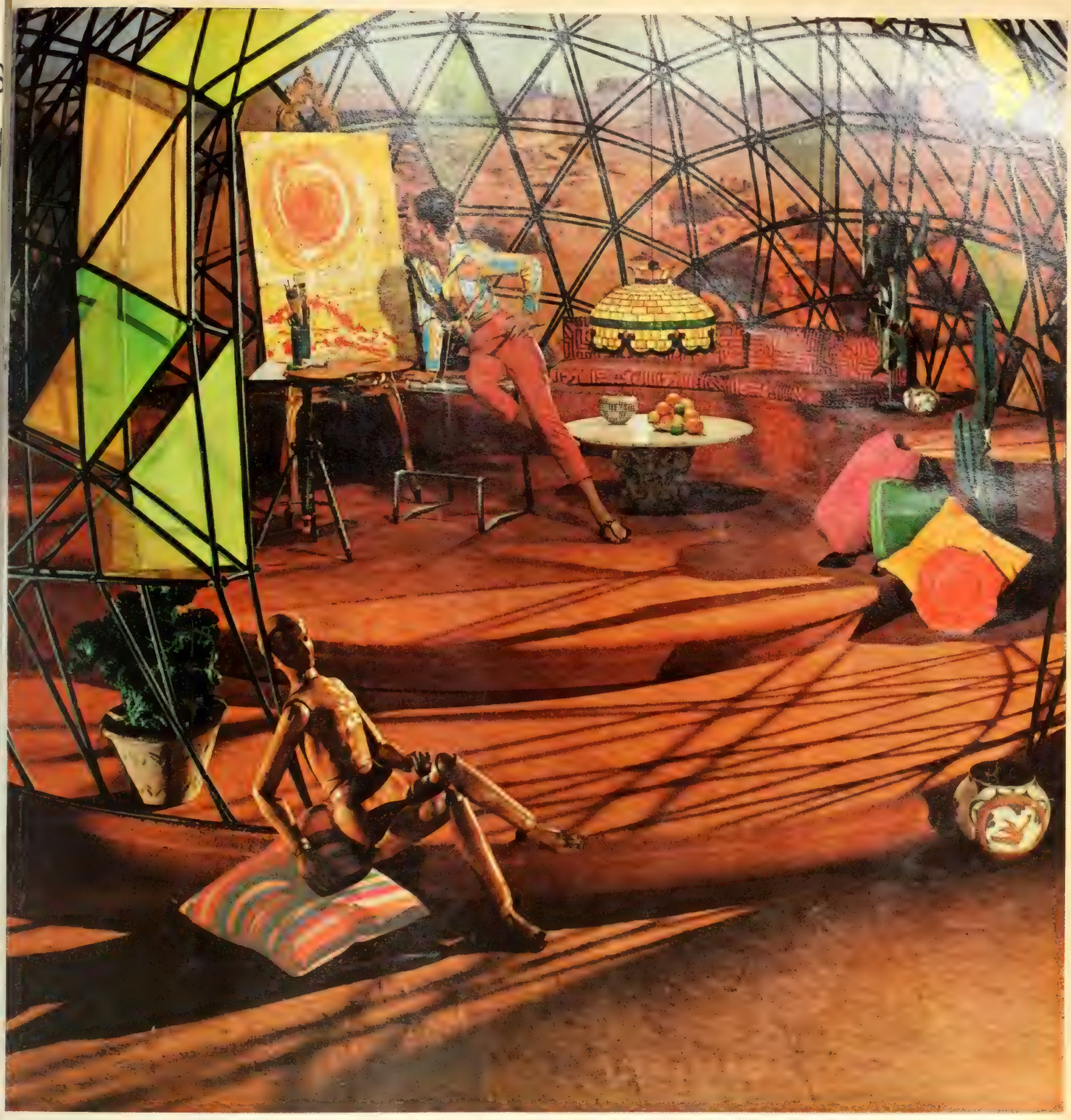
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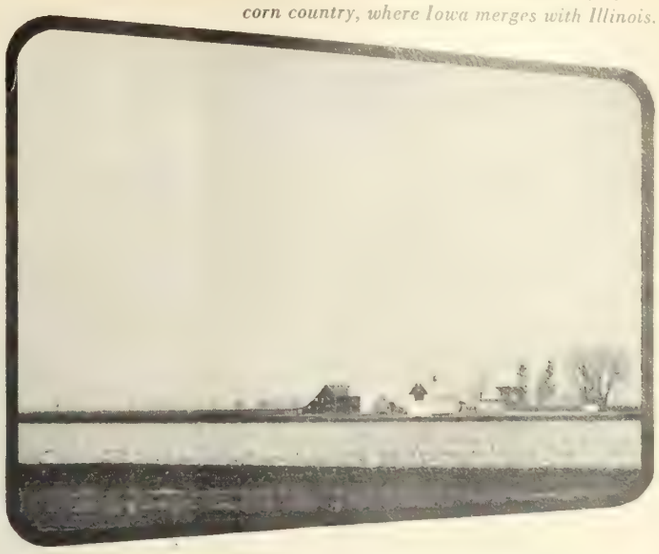
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What ever became of Fred Harvey?

By Ralph Bailey

EDITOR'S NOTE: This might be called a stream-of-semiconsciousness report of a transcontinental train trip made by H&G's garden editor just a year ago. He has frankly stated that he had no interest in hurrying back to the office or anywhere else—that in fact it had been thirty years since he had misspent so much time so pleasantly.

You flew out of New York on a Wednesday after work, reaching Los Angeles early in the evening. You took a helicopter ninety miles down the coast and got to bed early (or maybe late—the clock said 10:30, which meant 1:30). You did the work you came out to do the next morning, finishing it over the lunch table. You could have caught a jet back to New York Thursday night to resume doing things you suddenly realized you didn't want to do at all. Besides, as Casey Jones ". . . said just before he died,

'There's two more roads that I'd like to ride.'
When the fireman said, 'What can they be?'
He said 'The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fee.'"

Well, you could at least ride the Santa Fee. Casey never made it.

So you book a roomette on the Santa Fe's proud Super Chief, dine pleasantly with friends, climb aboard at Pasadena, have a nightcap (it's a sign of the times that no one wears nightcaps any more, just drinks them), close your conscience and go to bed. The train has left Pasadena forty minutes late (closing forty minutes on a 26.5-mile train ride is not easy, but after that, it is to keep its schedule to the minute all the way to Chicago).

You open one eye at Williams Junction, Ariz., Friday morning; open the other eye and raise the window shade at Flagstaff half-an-hour later. After breakfast, you settle down for your first nap. (Your camera is in your lap—with the strap around your neck just in case you should really fall asleep.)

The Arizona desert is a wondrous and wondrously lonely place, with an occasional distant house seeming quite apart from its time and place. The fence posts are more gregarious, each with its individual cluster of tumbleweed grouped around it.

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The buttes are everywhere. They are of every size and color, as long as the color is red. Some buttes are not more than 3 feet high and wide, but as perfectly formed as any other. Some are many miles long and of indeterminate but enormous height. Some resemble cliffs; others slag heaps. Big or small, they are a product of the erosion that marks the countenance of almost the whole American land below the big timber belt.

Every once in a while a windmill appears in the distance. There is always a rectangular pond at its base. The pond, like as not, is enclosed within raised earth berms. And on the berms the cattle stand to drink. The cattle on the berms are often higher than any other natural object except the windmills—and the distant buttes. After a while even the water disappears—along with the cattle and the windmills. But not the buttes.

At whatever speed you are traveling (seventy, eighty miles an hour?) picture-taking becomes a violent exercise. Shooting through two layers of glass at scenes that remain in your field of view sometimes no longer than a second or two, you waste a lot of film. You use a semi-telephoto lens and a shutter speed of a thousandth of a second, to minimize both the specks on the window and the motion of the train. But after a time, one butte tends to look like another.

The telephone lines are a challenge. They are continually getting in the way. Between poles the wires swoop in a steady rhythm, like fast hiccups. And when they dip down out of sight, often there is nothing worth photographing. At first a frustrating nuisance, the poles later have the same effect as wavelets lapping a shore. You doze off half-a-dozen times between breakfast and lunch. (On this co-operative train you can lunch late and linger.)

As the train labors up toward the Continental Divide, all the rivets that the jet plane loosened in your skull on Wednesday begin to rattle. But by the time you get over the top to Albuquerque, the rivets settle back into their holes again.

Why should an Indian who offers worthless souvenirs on the Albuquerque platform seem a more melancholy figure than anyone else who might be doing the same thing? The *Talmud* says "Work dignifieth the worker." Not here. If anything, it would have to be the other way around.

At both breakfast and lunch the basic check is about the same—$1.75 or so. Bacon and eggs in the morning, bouquetière of vegetables with fried oysters at lunch. The only difference in the tab is the price of the Martini you extrude from the tiny bottle before lunch. The fried eggs are fried eggs, and very good. The bouquetière is do-it-yourself hash. To a Frenchman, it would impose an impossible problem in logistics. But once over that hurdle, he would be pleasantly nourished nonetheless.

You could have made three round trips between Los Angeles and New York by now. And here you are at Lamy, N. M., or thereabouts. Lamy has a population of 195, the leaflet says. Not far from here the first atomic bombs were developed—the only ones yet dropped in anger. They killed or maimed a quarter of a million people. Great oaks from little acorns grow.

What is the difference, you wonder, between plane travel and train travel? Probably nothing more complex than that a plane trip represents a forced speed-up for which you are never quite able to compensate, while a train trip represents a relative slowdown for which you don't have to. (Slowdown—at better than a mile a minute?)

From five miles up a jet plane collapses geologic time as well as sidereal. You look out the minuscule window and see a million years of erosion at a glance. Down at eye-level, you have a day-by-day, minute-by-minute view of the real nature of erosion. From up there you can see what a glacier took several millennia to produce. Down here you can discern, however fleetingly, the gully made by a leaking sill cock.

There is no such thing as a gentle, soaking rain in this uncompromising country. A whole year's supply can fall in a fortnight. Hence erosion—a normal fact of life, whether in gully or canyon.

On an airplane you eat and run. On a train you just eat. It takes longer to digest the best meal the Super Chief offers than it does to fly, however inedibly, from coast to coast. One meal on a plane lasts you 3,000 miles. One meal on a train lasts barely 300. Yet the meals are twice as big. How come? Maybe there should be a gymnasium on transcontinental trains. Or even just a place to do a few push-ups. You try a few knee bends in your roomette and almost break your jaw on the wastebasket.

Up in the Vista-Dome (or is it Astra-Dome, you never can remember?) you alternately doze and rouse to fits of furious spectatorship. Suddenly you are aware of snow patches along the *sunny*, or north, side of the railroad cut as you labor higher and higher toward the Raton Pass. (All day there has been snow on the south, or shady, sides of the embankments, but none on the north banks, where the sun has been melting it.) Twilight is falling; the train is moving ever more slowly; the silence is uncanny. These patches of snow scattered along the slopes that have been in the sun all day look like pieces of Kleenex. Now you realize that you have just seen snow on the bushes. And then, almost as soon as they are gone, you realize they *are* pieces of Kleenex. God bless (Gesundheit!) America.

As you climb into Raton Pass, Venus and Jupiter assert their dominance in the afterglow. They are exactly 2 inches apart on the window glass—or roughly 4,000,000 miles. Continued on page 32



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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

The Corbetts, who take their bridge game seriously, always have the most beautiful appointments that somehow make a bridge session an occasion. The other night when Don and I were invited over for a few rubbers, Ruth Corbett brought out her latest acquisition—a gift from her daughter-in-law, who found it at Eleanor Beard, 446 Park Ave., New York City: a charming hand-quilted velvet bridge-table cover. Hers is greige with matching silk satin on the reverse side, but the velvet is especially nice because of course the cards don't slide around on it. What an elegant gift for a hostess who loves to play cards.

The Viennese evening given recently by the Frieds proved that you can entertain a crowd, yet create a mood of intimacy, be festive, but not extravagant. It was a buffet, with several tables of six which divided the group nicely into manageable conversational circles. The women all had on long dresses; the men wore black tie.

Helen Fried had moved all of the furniture, except the heaviest pieces, from her rather long living room. Remaining pieces such as the sofas were placed against the wall at both ends. The carpet had been rolled up and stowed away. Then she had set up small tables, rented from the local caterer, about the periphery of the room. The actual banquet buffet of superb Viennese food was in the dining room, but within easy access of the tables.

The table settings were lavish and lovely in effect—filmy, pink and shimmering—but they were actually inexpensive and carefree. To begin with, the "cloths"—looking for the world like fine appliquéd organdy—were H. J. Stotters' new, almost transparent plastic table covers teamed with pink opaque plastic liners—the latter also to be had in white or blue, I was told. The tables were set with pale pink and gold china, and in the center of each, instead of flowers, was a sparkling five-branch crystal candelabra. The whole party was held in candlelight—no small contribution to the romantic atmosphere. During the dinner, there was low, suitably schmaltzy background music played from the stereo in the library: zither records, Lehár operettas, even some Mozart. At the end of dinner, after the tables had been cleared, a series of waltzes were put on and we danced and table-hopped—as *gemütlich* as could be.

At one o'clock, with true Austrian hospitality, our hostess served us another light collation: real Viennese pastries, real Viennese coffee with whipped cream, and iced Gumpoldskirchner wine. This time a live zitherist played as we rested from our three-quarter-time exertions.

I found the prettiest hot tray to give to Don's secretary, a new bride. It has a porcelain enamel surface in a blue-and-white design that Miller-Mann Associates, the maker, calls Meissenette. The tray is thermostatically controlled and will heat up to 220 degrees (thus



its name—"Piping Hot"). The legs are fully insulated, of course. Seems to me Jane can use it for many occasions—to serve hors d'oeuvres, buffet foods or just to keep Sunday breakfast warm.

Tip to remember when entertaining a house guest: Do not kill with kindness. When Don's Aunt Charlotte was spending a week with us not long ago, it suddenly dawned on me I was wearing her out with entertainment. When she gently excused herself from a party Don and I were taking her to one evening, I realized she really hadn't had a minute alone since she came. Who doesn't like a frequent opportunity, while traveling, to do nails, write letters or just read? No guest likes to be "one" every waking minute.

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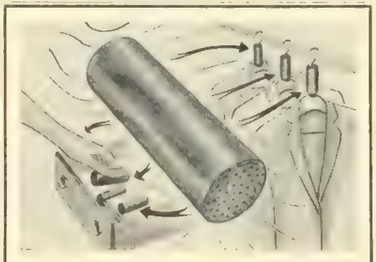
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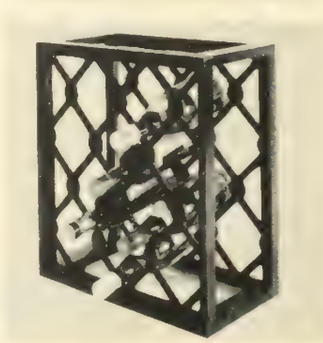
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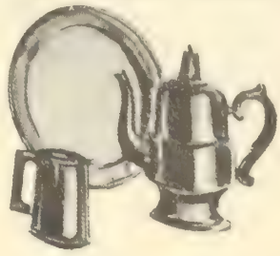
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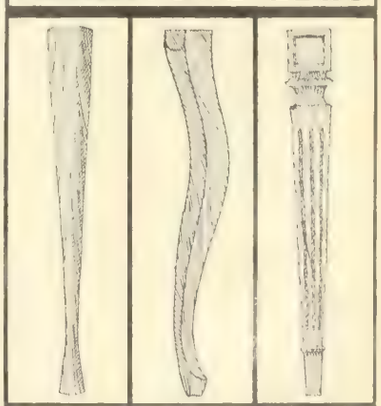
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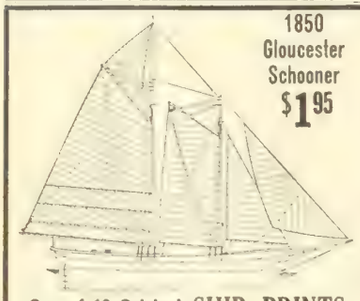


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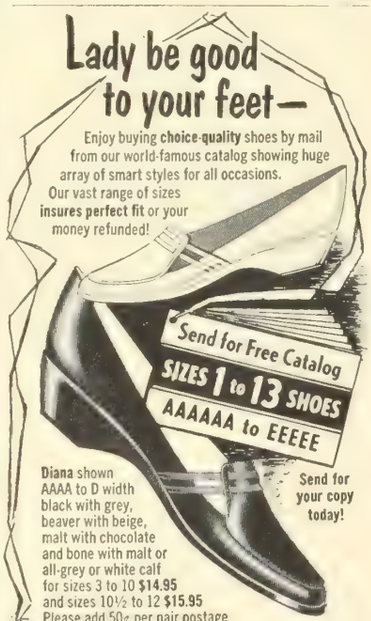
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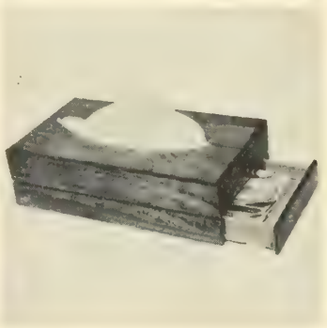
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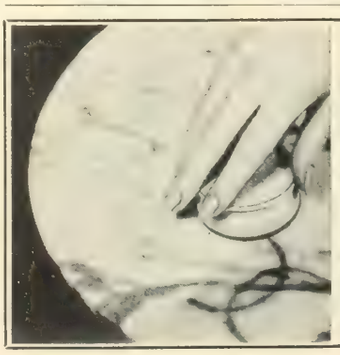
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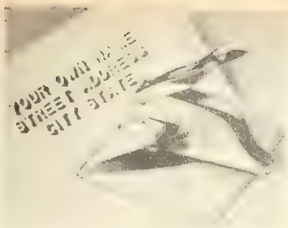
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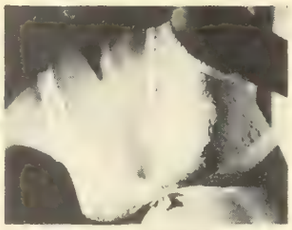
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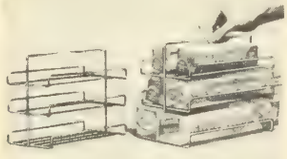
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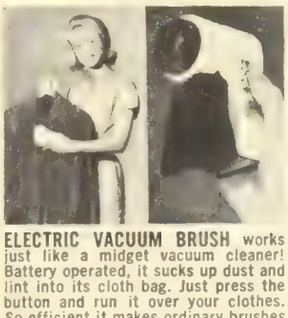
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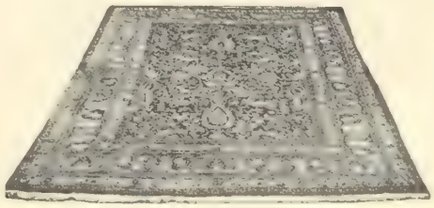


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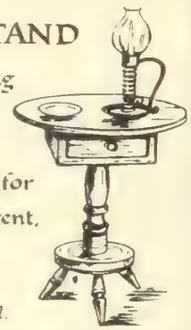
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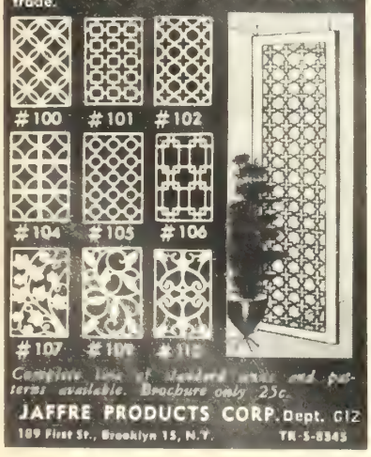


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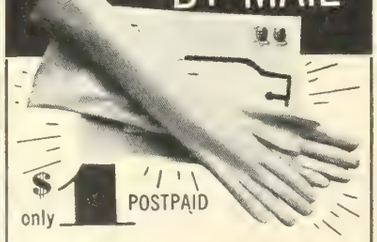
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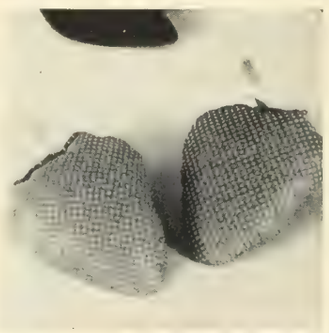
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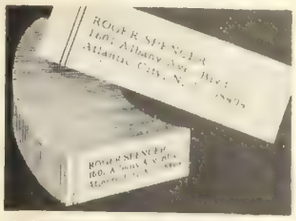
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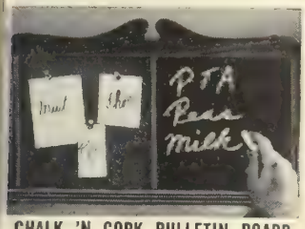
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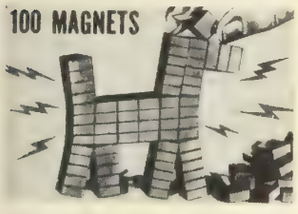
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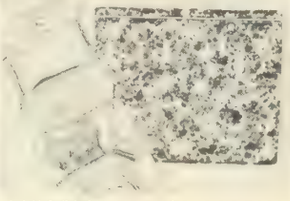
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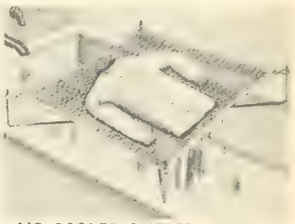
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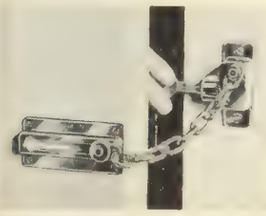
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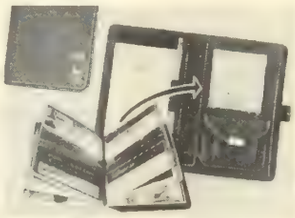
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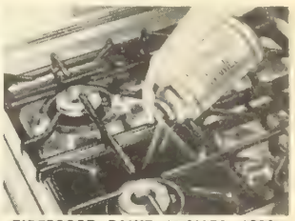
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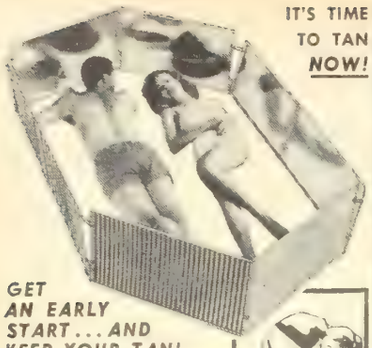
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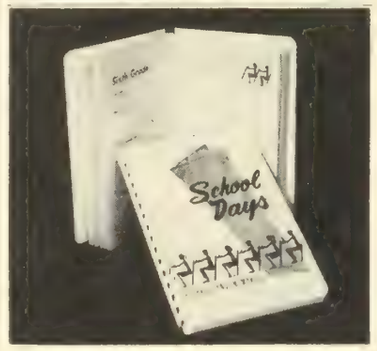


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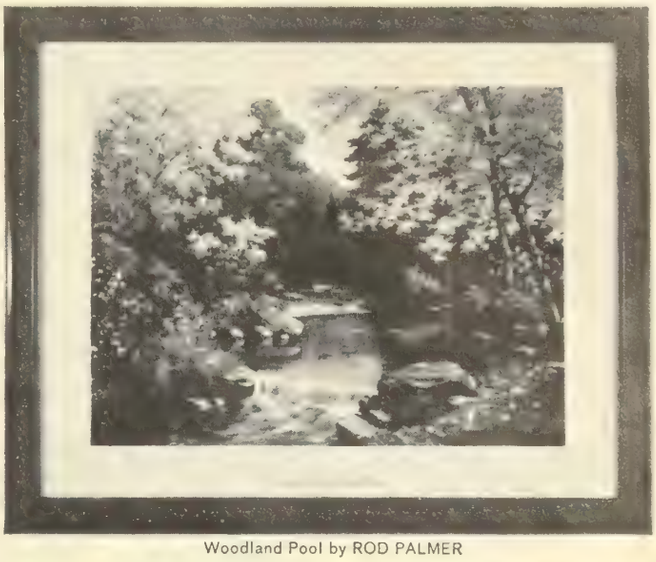
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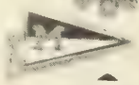
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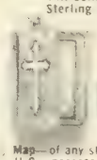
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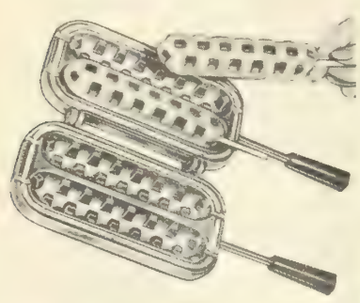
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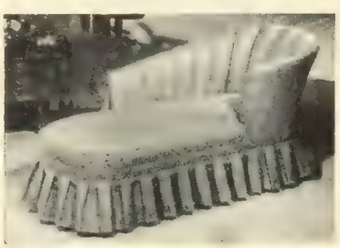


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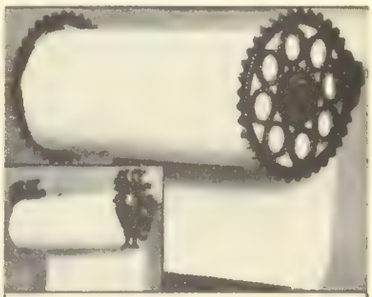
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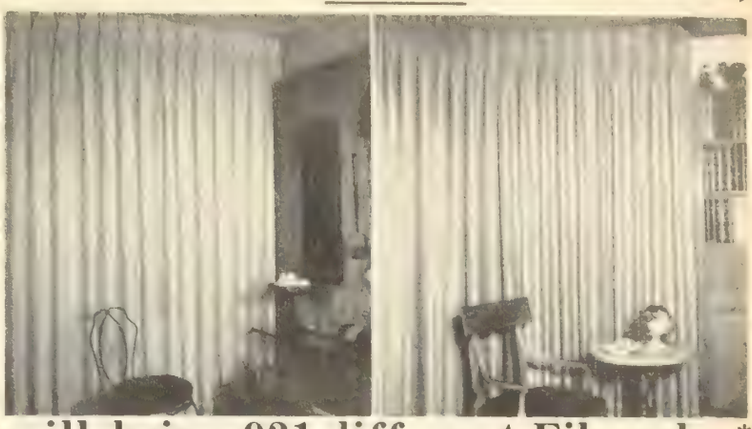
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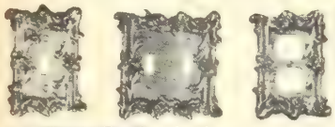
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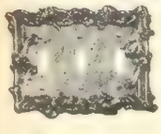
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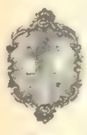




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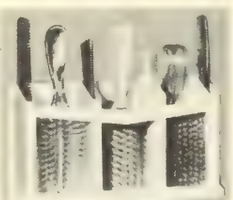


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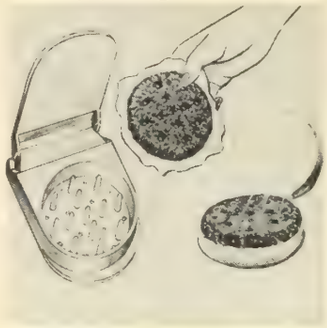
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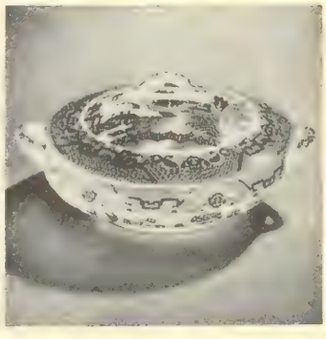
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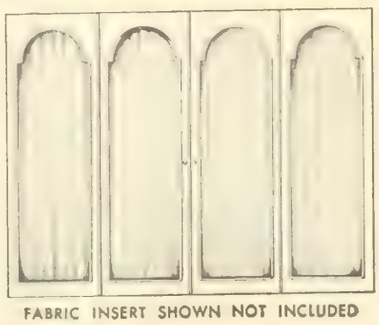
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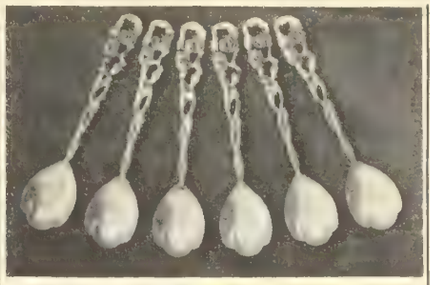
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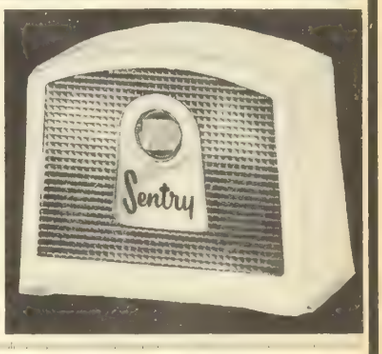


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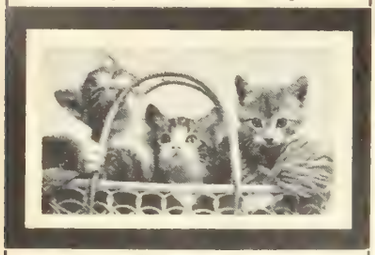
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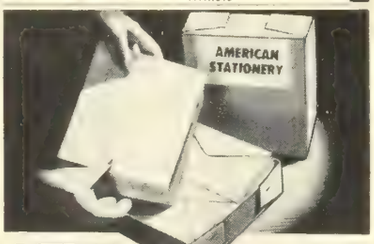


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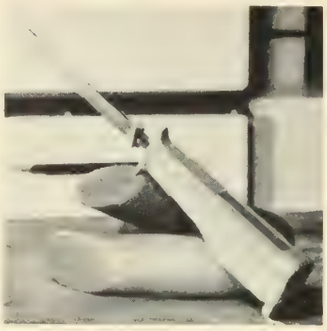
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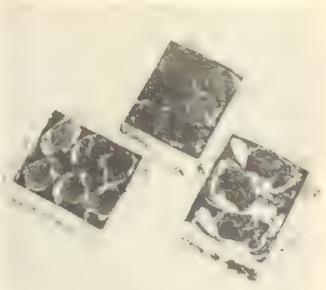
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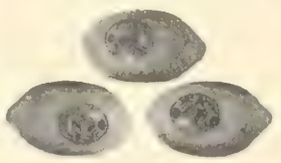


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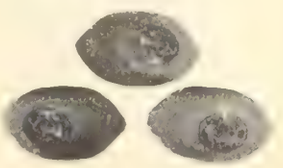
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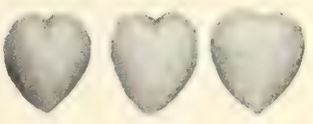
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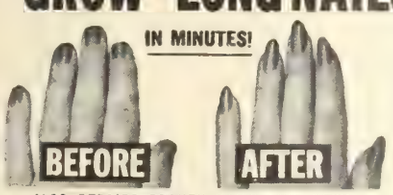


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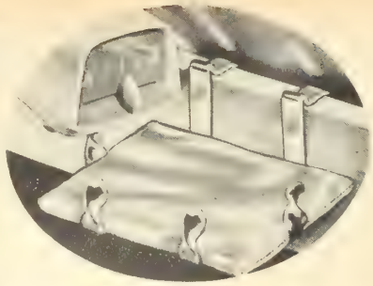
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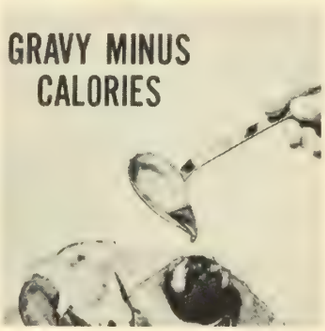
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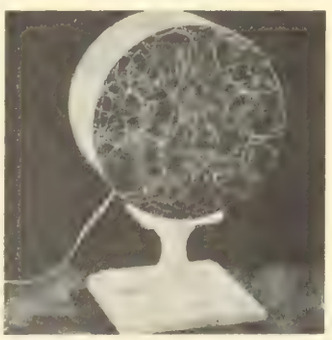
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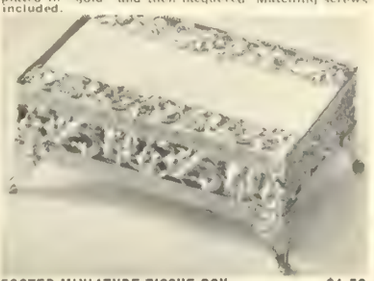
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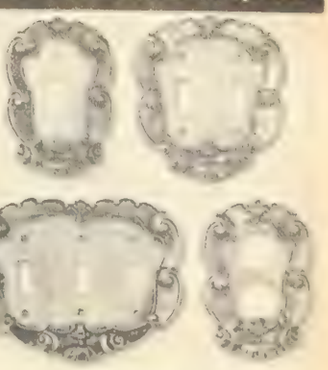
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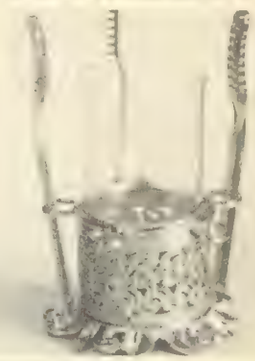
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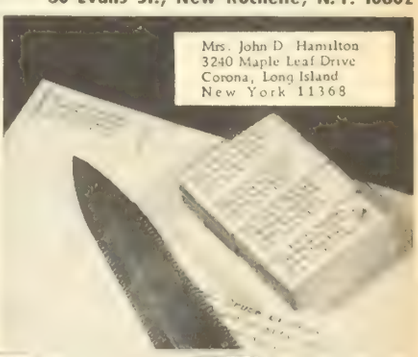
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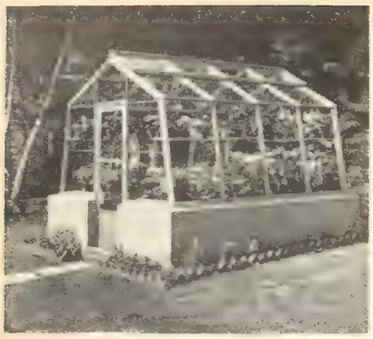
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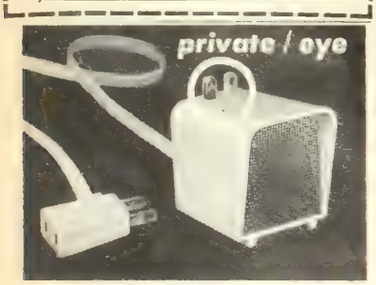
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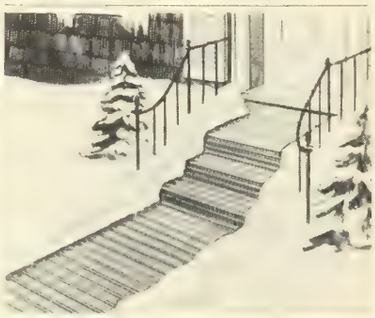


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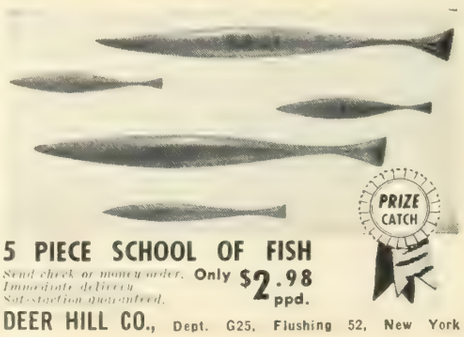
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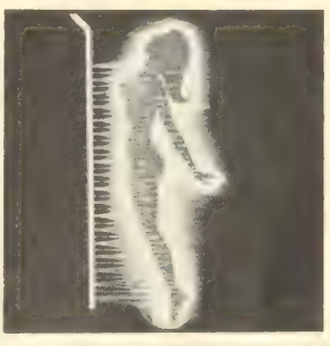
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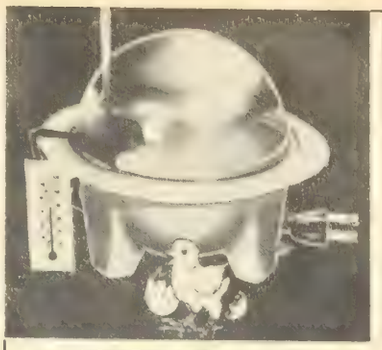
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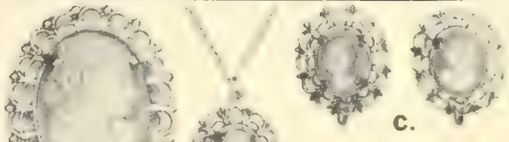
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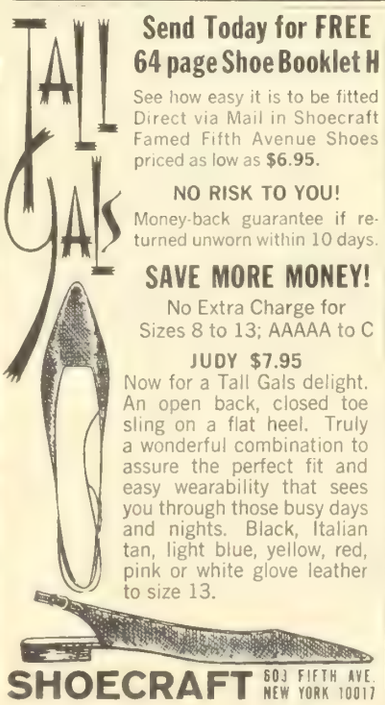
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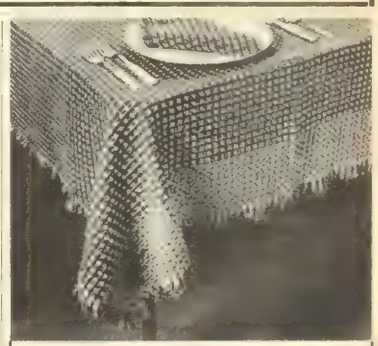
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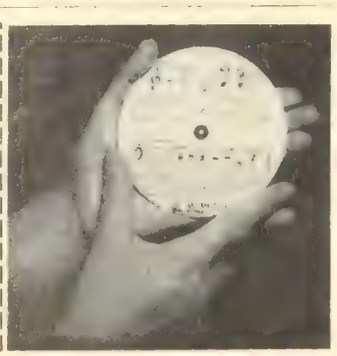
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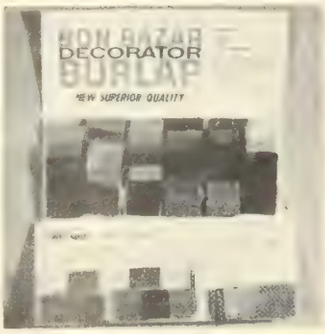
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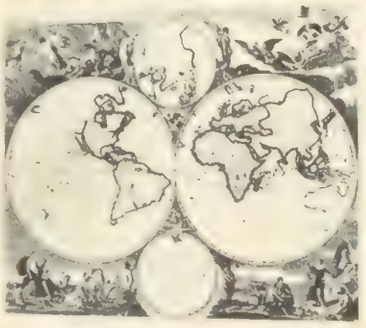
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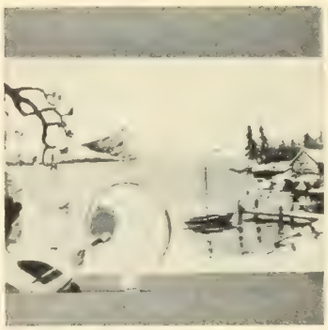
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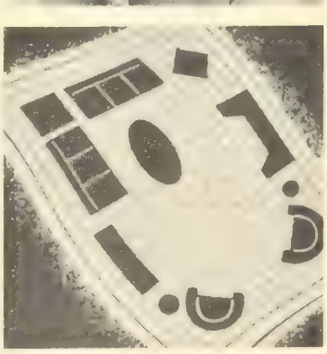
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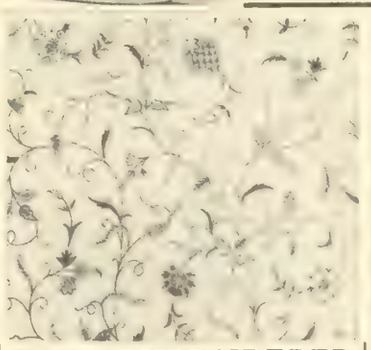
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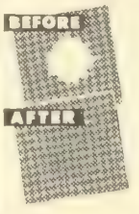
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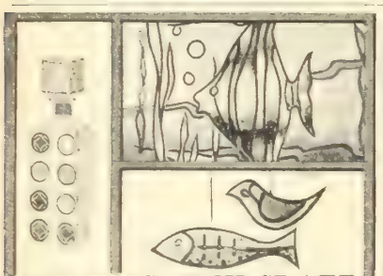
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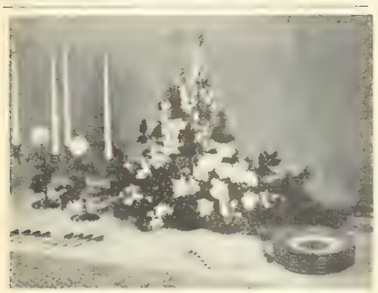
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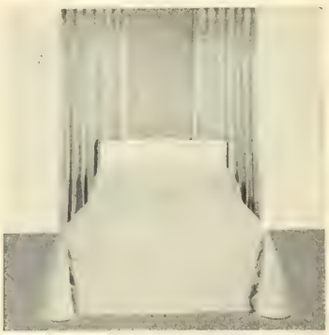
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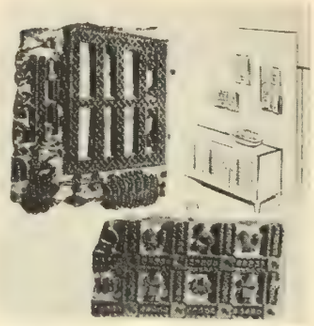
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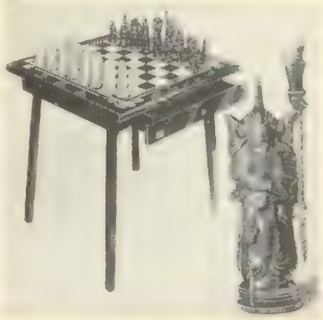
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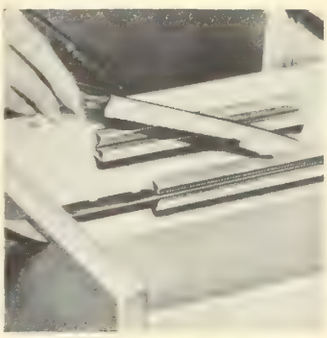
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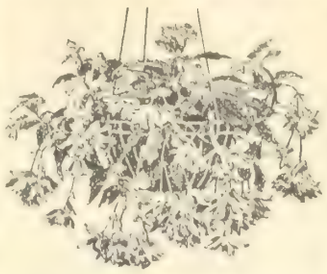


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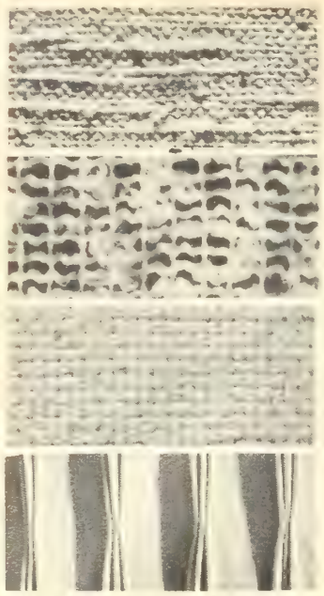
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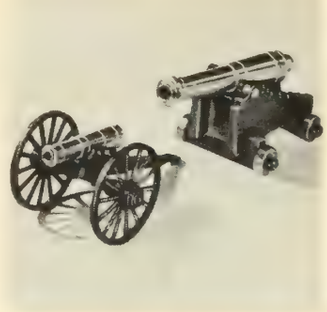
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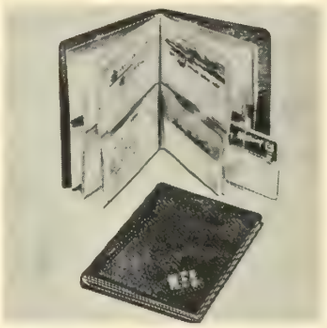
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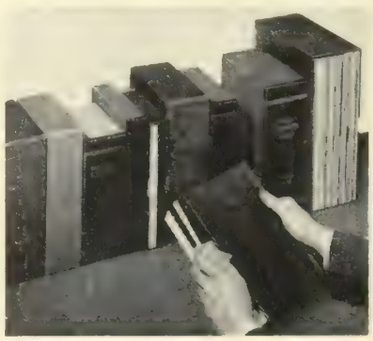
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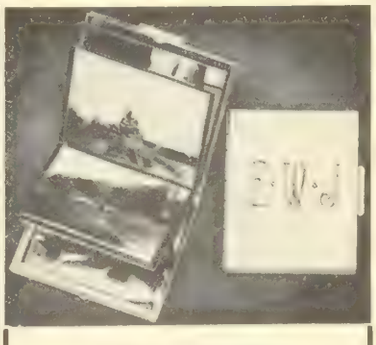


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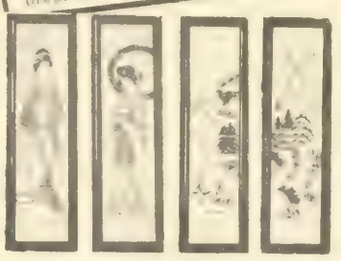
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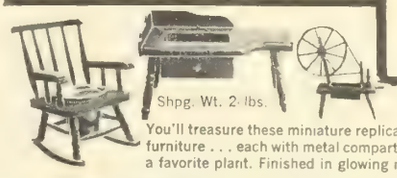
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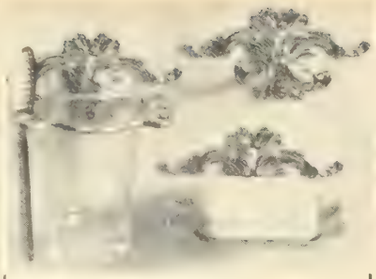
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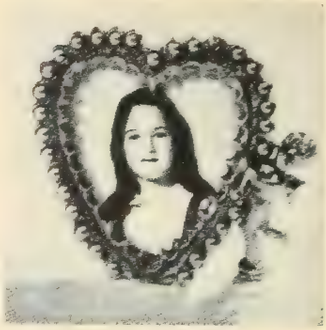
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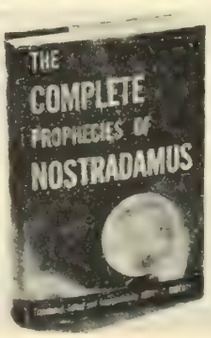
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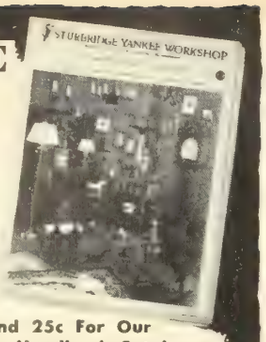
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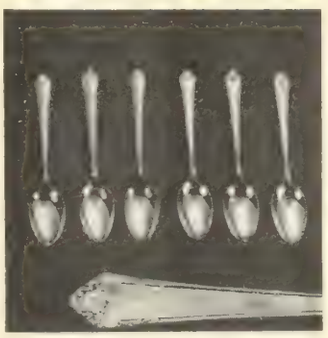
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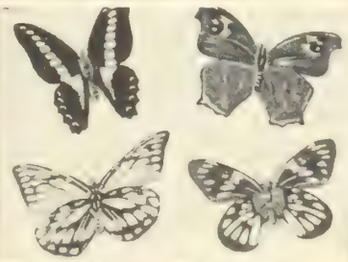
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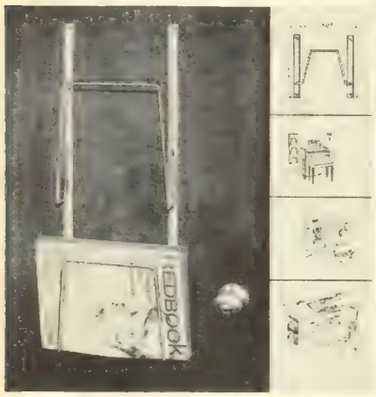
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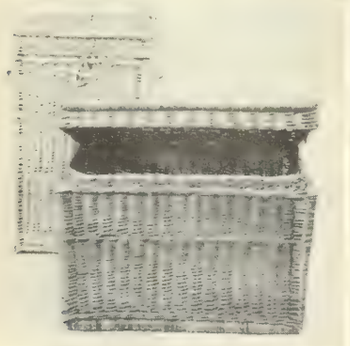
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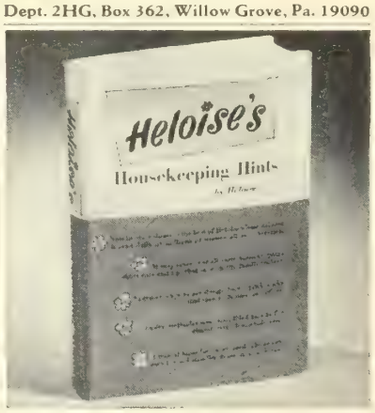
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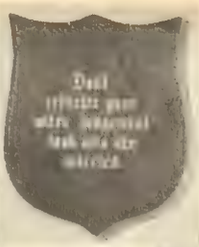
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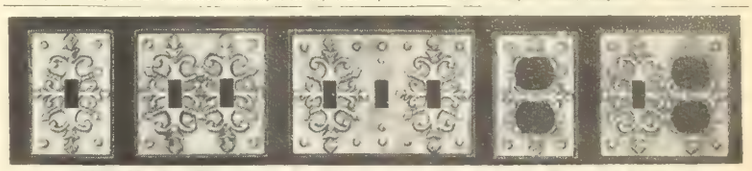
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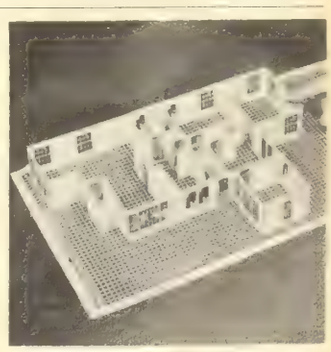


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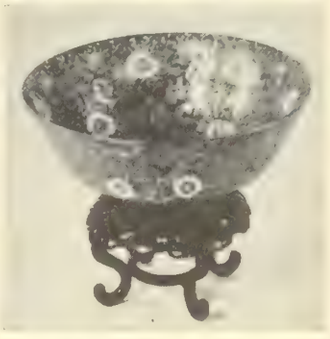
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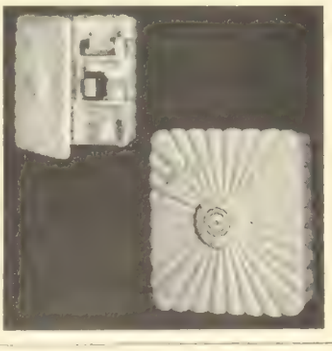
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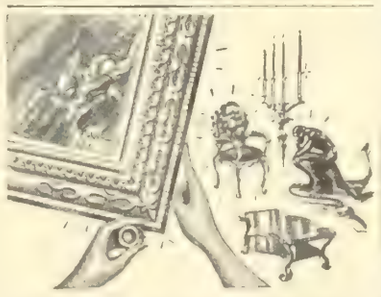
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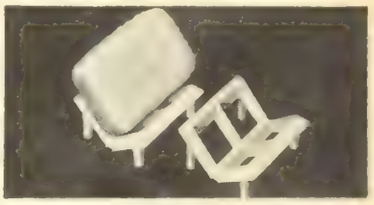
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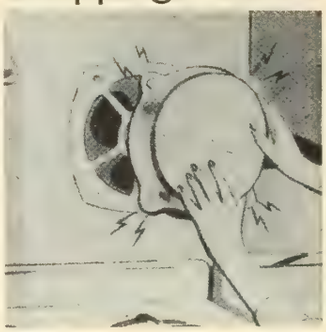
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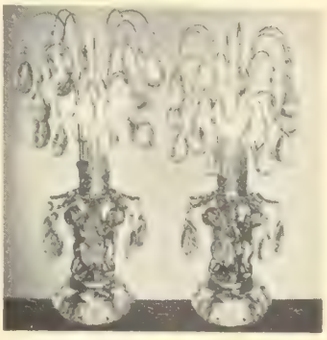
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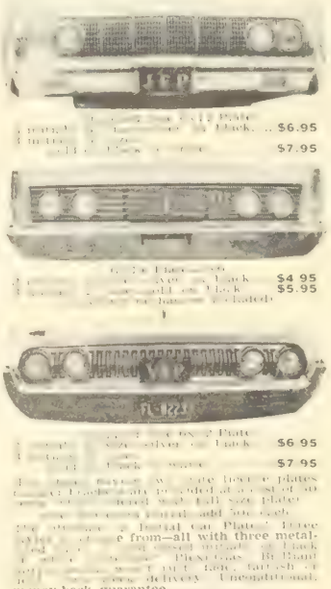


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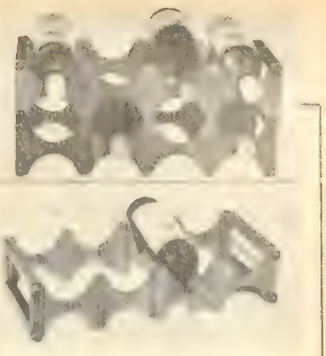
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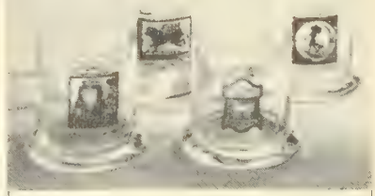


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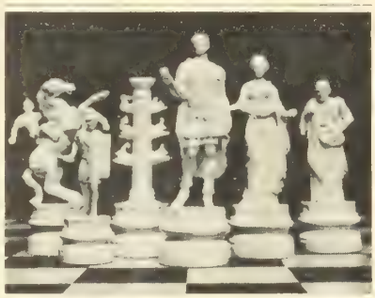
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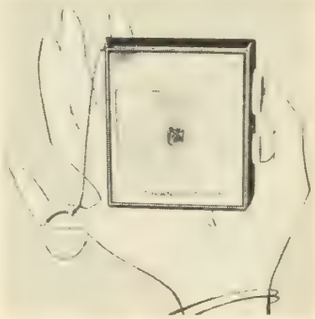
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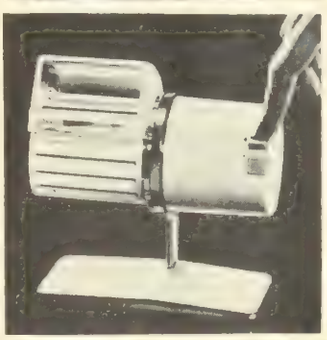
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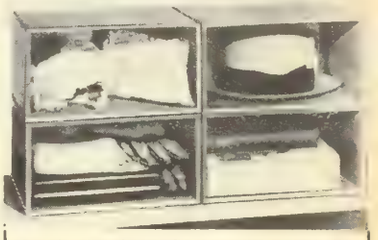


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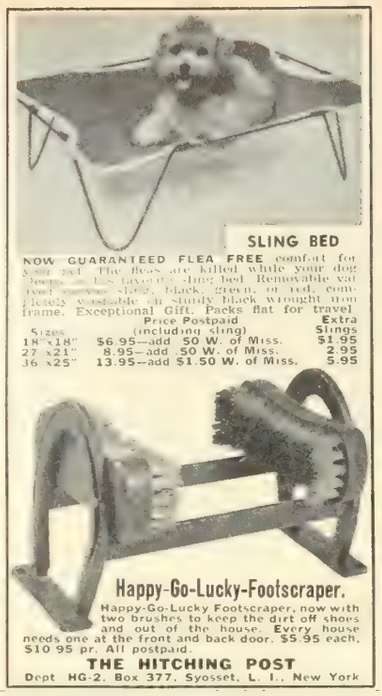
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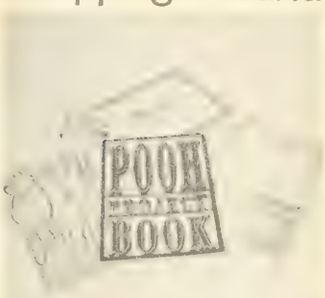
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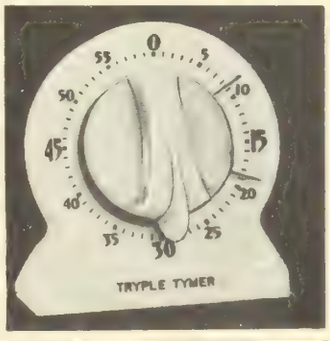
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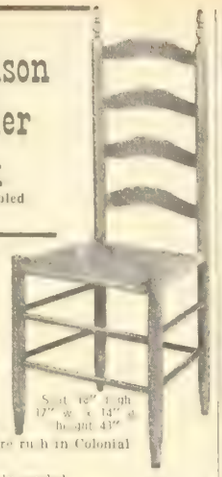
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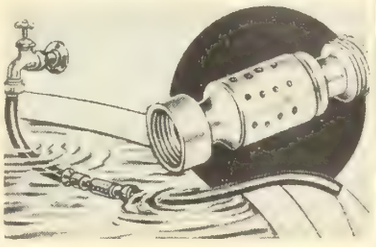
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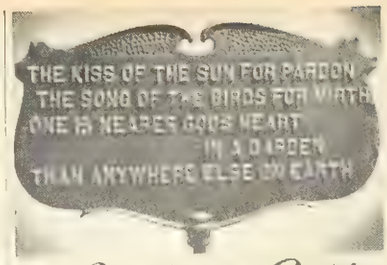
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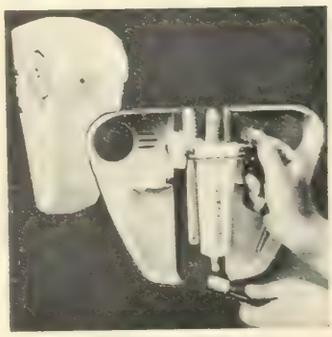
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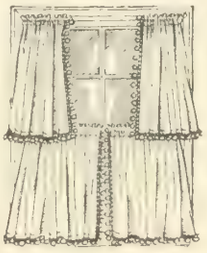
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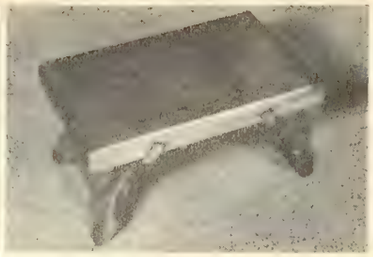
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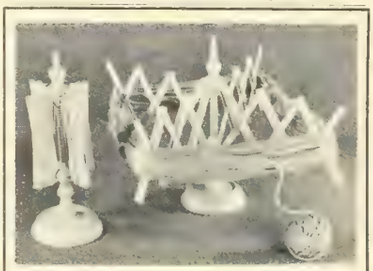
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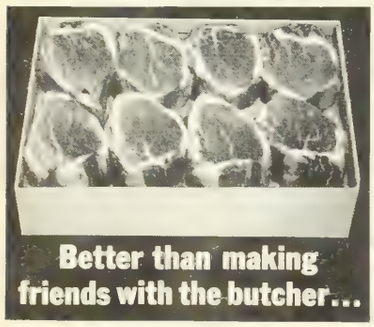
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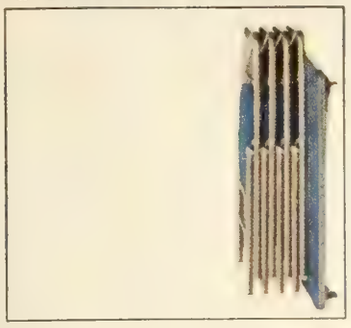
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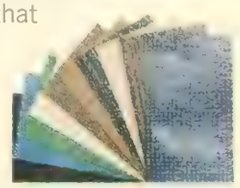
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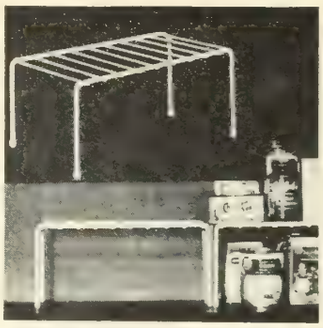
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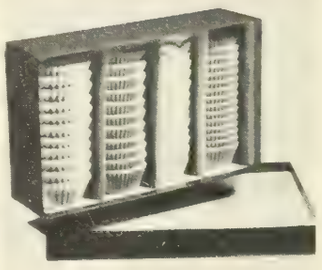
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Some elements in this environment are invisible: the air we breathe, the sounds we hear, the composition of the water we drink and bathe in. But the visual pleasure derived from living in a beautiful house surrounded by sightly objects and inspiring works of art can diminish rapidly when we are distracted by ugly assaults on our other senses.

Other aspects of our environment are peripheral. They take in not only the grounds around the house, but the neighborhood that surrounds them, the city or suburb that surrounds that, and the highways on which we are constantly moving about. They even take in lands beyond our borders. But this newly expanded personal world can be only as satisfying and delightful as every part of it is delightful. No home is "an island, entire of it self."

House & Garden is convinced that an intelligent awareness of the whole environment is essential to the enhancement and protection of home. To that end, we plan to bring to your attention, on this page or in other parts of the magazine, important facts about such matters as sound control, the role of art in the home, air pollution, zoning, city and regional planning, the worth—or worthlessness—of a tree. Admittedly, some of these bring up problems that cannot always be regulated with quite the same ease with which we turn up a thermostat, paper a wall or hang a painting. But the technicians assure us that the means for controlling these other aspects of our personal world already exist. All it would take to put them into operation, they say, is "people who really ca[illegible]

One way to get the house you want:

REMODEL THE HOUSE YOU HAVE

A coast-to-coast survey of what families want in their houses has convinced H&G that you don't have to wait for a new house to acquire the space and conveniences your pattern of living requires.

MORE SPACE ALL OVER THE HOUSE

Whenever someone describes the house he would like to have, he is also casting some telling aspersions on the house he lives in now. This, we think, reveals a healthy state of mind. For a house is a kind of architectural plate which is sensitive to the intricate and ever-changing design etched by those who live there. When the design becomes too tangled and repetitious, a fresh start is in order.

If we at House & Garden had ever doubted the abiding urge of people to facilitate their living by changing their physical setting (we never have), we would have been straightened out quickly by the homeowners who took part not long ago in a six-city study which H&G co-sponsored with the National Association of Home Builders. In last April's issue we reported the most frequently expressed ideas our study participants would like to see incorporated in their next houses.

But what about the millions of families whose next house, for any of a dozen good reasons, is years away from fulfillment? For them, too, there is a solution. For the great majority of the most-wanted improvements are of a type that can be realized here and now—in existing houses through remodeling. Striking proof is offered by the five houses on the following pages—houses which, when remodeled, achieved many of the same basic goals stipulated by the homeowners who took part in our study. All had owned two or more houses, thus spoke as experts on the matter of livability. For instance:

"Pure space is the most important quality a house can have," said a Fort Worth homeowner who took part in our study. Realistically, it must be added that space is also one of the most expensive luxuries in these days of high construction costs, whether you acquire it by building a house from the ground up or by all-out remodeling. To push out the walls of your present house and add more rooms is indeed a formidable venture. But by contrast with starting from scratch, remodeling to gain space sometimes offers special advantages. Foremost of these is the plain fact that you have a house, thus some space, to begin with. Adding to what you already own can be a financially attractive prospect if, in combining your remodeling costs with the investment you have in the house itself, you can gain greater space than you would be able to build into a new house for about the same amount of money. And very often you can.

Another advantage, less calculable but no less important, stems from the experience a family acquires by actually living in a house. Every homeowner is his own best mentor. He does not need to be told when another bedroom, a third bathroom, an up-to-the-minute kitchen—or even all three—would immeasurably broaden his whole family's living spectrum. Moreover, experience usually inspires the most promising solutions to the problem of *how* and *where* new rooms should be added to yield the greatest and most valuable space from both the old and new sections of the house. The only other consideration would be structural feasibility. But an architect or general contractor can easily determine whether or not the site, the existing framework, the heating and plumbing systems will permit the kind of expansion a family has in mind. One instance where several additions were feasible is the house on page 90.

A CHILDREN'S DOMAIN

A Boston woman pinpointed a common dilemma of expanding families: "Ideally," she said, "families should have at least two houses—one when the children are small and a mother wants them as close by as possible; the other when the children are in their teens and the parents want them as far away as possible." But suppose you just want to put? There are many good reasons for not moving, some practical, some personal. Fundamentally families are reluctant to abandon their world-in-microcosm, which has the home as its center and reaches out from there to encompass such sustaining values as friends and institutions, personal and family attachments to the local environment. Many times remodeling can spare the need to pull up roots by up-dating a house to keep pace with a growing family's changing makeup. One good way is by adding a children's wing, as was done by the young couple who remodeled the house on pages 96-99. Or you can remodel vertically to make room for family expansion—either by finishing a basement (if a substantial part of it is above grade and if *all* of it is moisture-proof) or by converting an attic (if you have adequate headroom, light and ventilation). Any of these remodeling alternatives, when successful, satisfy the same universally important need—for privacy and a sense of independence for children and adults alike.

ONE GREAT FAMILY-ROOM KITCHEN

From coast to coast, the most compelling wish of the women we interviewed is for a large, informal family gathering center, usually described as an old-fashioned family kitchen. "I love that feeling of being able to go about my work and still have the family with me," a woman told us in Portland, Ore. Indeed, the yearning for such a center—complete with comfortable seating, a table for games and snacks, plenty of storage, a menu-planning desk and a telephone—is reason enough for many families to seek a new house. Yet this room, too, can be incorporated into an older house, possibly by combining special-purpose rooms adjacent to the existing kitchen. Many houses built in the Twenties and Thirties were designed with small, separate breakfast rooms, maids' rooms or back rooms for the icebox and storage. If you are fortunate enough to have such a room off your kitchen, quite possibly you could remove the common wall and create one large family-room-kitchen. Lacking this tailor-made prospect, you might find it feasible to add kitchen space by pushing outward and forming a small wing as in the house on page 102. (A kitchen without at least one outside wall is, after all, an architectural rarity.)

A QUIET RETREAT FOR BOOKS, MUSIC, TV

As a concomitant of the large family gathering room, homeowners, we learned, prize an intimate place of quiet—a study-sitting room for reading, listening to music or simply contemplating. "It's very important to have a little private corner," said a Cincinnati woman. The good sense of such a room is indisputable, since the planned togetherness of the family room virtually demands an equal and opposite amount of planned apartness. By its nature, a study or library should be small and removed from heavy household traffic. This kind of space often can be found within the existing walls of your house: The small nursery, no longer needed, sometimes qualifies ideally. Or you may have a sun porch that wants only winterizing and redecorating to become a library. Looking even farther afield, you might light on an inconsequential space like the original back porch on page 100 which was transformed into a charming study-sitting room.

THE BEST OF THE PAST

I think it's a pity," a Washington, D. C., participant told us, "that some of the most beautiful features of older homes must be done away with. Like high ceilings and really good traditional details." As a practical matter, these values, properly executed, can only be found in old buildings (which explains why such a brisk market exists today for turn-of-the-century houses throughout the country). But there is usually a hitch: The charm of grand old houses may be offset by the inconvenience of primitive heating, plumbing, electricity and a general state of battle fatigue. If, however, you buy one of these beauties wisely, with your eyes wide open, a trained appraiser at your elbow and a little capital in hand, remodeling can be as dramatic as the house on page 104.

Your own objectives may or may not coincide with those of the homeowners who contributed to H&G's study or of the families who remodeled the houses on the following pages. But their experience should be persuasive proof that remodeling is one way, perhaps even the most effective way, for you to get exactly the house your family wants.

MORE SPACE: EXPANSION IN THREE DIRECTIONS

Over and over again, the participants in H&G's study of housing wants voiced a longing for more space, for better bathrooms with better storage, for a view ("What is prettier than lawns and trees?") and, surprisingly, for a porch ("A real one, like my grandmother's") as a vantage point to savor the view.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey of East Hampton, N. Y., satisfied these same wants, and many more, by expanding their house in three directions—toward pond at the rear, and at both ends.

When the Deweys bought their house, their first request was for more space —a need which the late architectural designer George Hickey satisfied by literally opening the house on three sides. (The view at the rear of Georgic Pond, *right*, had been a major reason for buying the property.) Since the house had neither a classic style nor symmetry to worry about, Mr. Hickey was able to augment where and as he wished. The addition of two wings (one for a new dining room, the other, a new bath), two porches, a loggia, sizable bay windows and the expansion of the front entrance hall not only provided new square footage, but enhanced the livability of existing rooms. (*Continued*)

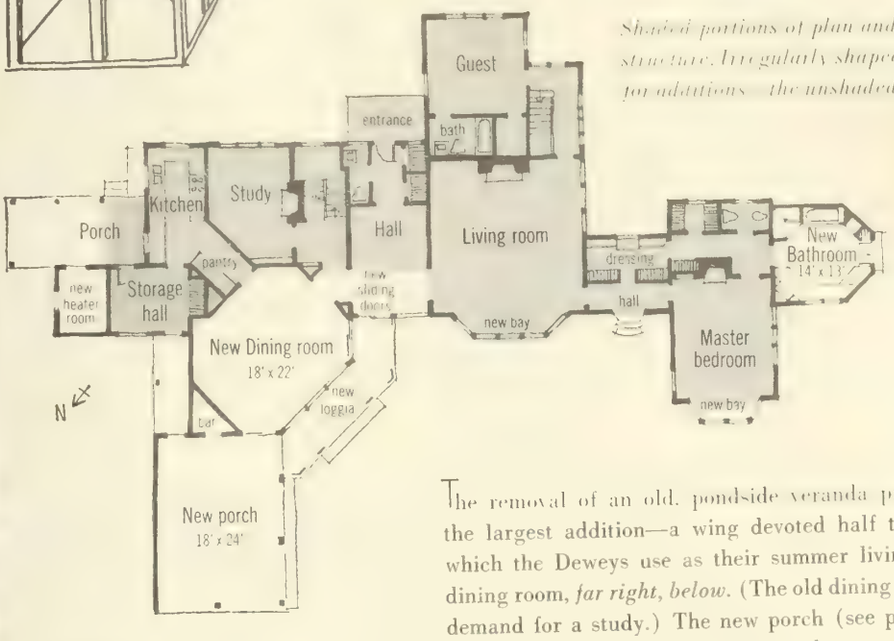


New porch, open on two sides, closed on two, is tantamount to an extra room









Shaded portions of plan and sketch indicate the original structure. Irregularly shaped, the house was remodeled for additions (the unshaded portions) on three sides

OWNERS:
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dewey, Jr.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER:
George Hickey III

LOCATION:
East Hampton, Long Island, N. Y.

EXPANSION IN THREE DIRECTIONS *continued*

The porch, a semi-detached pavilion, is connected to house by a trellised loggia

The removal of an old, pondside veranda provided a starting point for the largest addition—a wing devoted half to the porch, *opposite page*, which the Deweys use as their summer living room, and half to a new dining room, *far right, below*. (The old dining room fit to a "T" Mr. Dewey's demand for a study.) The new porch (see plan, *above*) is accessible via three routes: through a new covered passage from the storage hall and kitchen; through the dining room; and by a loggia angled around the dining room from the enlarged hall with its new powder room and badly needed closets. The existing kitchen acquired a new serving pantry, and the heater room was shifted from the bedroom wing to the kitchen end of the house, adjoining an enlarged service porch.

In the center of the house, the living room had already acquired a sense of spaciousness created by a huge bay window facing the pond. Mr. Hickey repeated this space-making device on a smaller scale by cutting a ceiling-high, half-cylinder of glass—a sort of oriel door—into the adjoining hallway to the master bedroom. Formerly, the hall had been part of a complex of bathroom, closets and furnace room—a clutter Mr. Hickey simplified into a narrower hall plus a dressing room for Mrs. Dewey. A walk-in wardrobe for Mr. Dewey and one section of a toilet room form a shallow new extension of the house at the front.

The master bedroom was expanded by a big new bay like that in the living room. Then, all existing space exhausted, another wing was built at the bedroom end of house to hold the new master bathroom. (*Continued*)



New bay window gives master bedroom more space and a view



New glass door opens to loggia



Flagstone path leads from door of new bathroom to swimming pool and bathhouse

If ever there was an answer to the widespread desire revealed by our study for a big, pretty, loaded-with-storage bathroom, it is the Deweys' new master bath—a vaulted octagon about 14 feet from wall to wall with plenty of space in the center of the room for a table and chairs for morning coffee. On three sides of the octagon is a line of base cabinets with an oval lavatory recessed at each end of the continuous black glass countertop. On the other side of the room, a Delft-tiled tub is flanked by a stall shower tucked into a corner near the bedroom and two louver-doored closets next to the outer door. (The other fixtures are in a compartment next door.) The vaulted ceiling, like an elegant parasol, is ribbed with strips of the same fabric-patterned paper that covers the walls. While she dresses, Mrs. Dewey can enjoy the sun glinting on the flagstone path that leads to the swimming pool and bathhouse at the other end of the garden and, a little farther on, the garage with *its* new wing, her studio.

EXPANSION IN THREE DIRECTIONS

continued



Between the two bay windows, the new oriel in hallway

Mrs. Dewey wanted a studio for her painting and got it quite ingeniously by means of a new appendage to the detached garage—a little wing tacked onto just enough of one corner of the old building to permit a door to be cut between the two. Pine-paneled, cork-floored and properly lit with a north skylight, the studio is far enough from the house for quiet; close enough to the pond for painting its lilies, and, with a fire in its stove, snug enough to work in on a chilly day during an early spring or a fall weekend.

Large fixed window gives studio a view of the pond



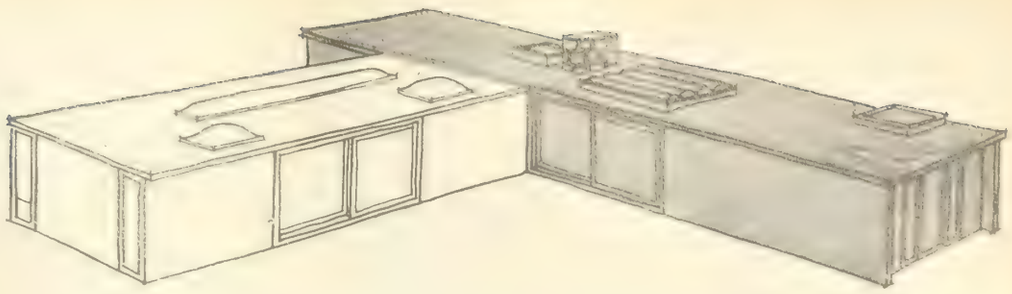


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Studio is joined to garage like a Siamese twin





Only change in original house was addition of connecting door

CHILDREN'S DOMAIN:

NEW WING FOR A NEW BABY

A common problem in many of today's houses was described by one panelist as "that tiny third bedroom for a baby who, presumably, is supposed never to grow up. But he does! And what do you do?"

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheff made room for a newcomer by adding to their house a wing with all the room in the world for growing—along with new space for guests, new facilities for family entertaining.

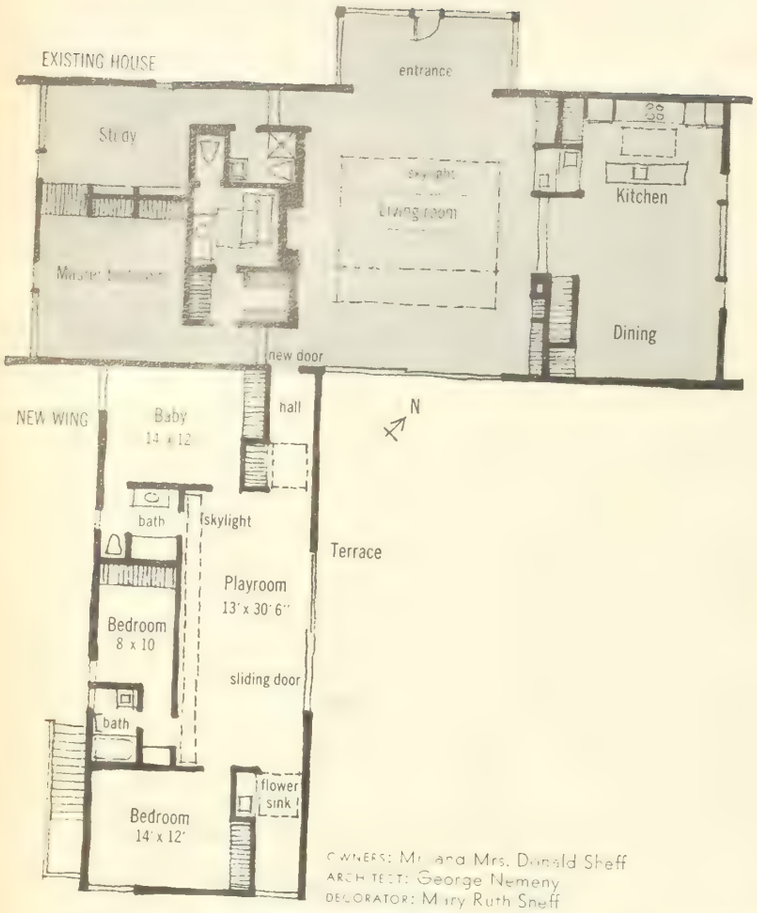
Five years ago, architect George Nemeny designed for the Sheffs a four-room house that was published in H&G (March, 1962) under the title "How Big is Big?" because its relatively small size worked so well for two people. Once they decided to raise a family, however, the Sheffs foresaw no pleasure in parental living in close quarters, so they met the arrival of their first baby with a new wing that almost doubled the size of their house. Designed by the same architect and called, with some understatement, "the baby's wing," the new structure was built at a right angle to the original house to enclose, along with two walls of greenery, a terrace quadrangle. About 50 feet long and 22 feet wide, the addition not only takes care of baby in splendid fashion (he has a room and a bath of his own), but anticipates another scion or two with two more bedrooms, another bath and a huge playroom. In the meantime, the wing offers plenty of much needed guest room, and the playroom makes a wonderful nonparlorish spot for free-and-easy grown-up games and entertainment after young Master Sheff is tucked in bed. (*Continued*)

Original, mimosa-shaded terrace serves both new and old wings

WILLIAM MARSTON ERRACTO ER ASSOCIATES



New section at left and old section at right are related in design, materials, [illegible]



New wing (unshaded portion of plan) swells the house by 1,167 square feet



98 *Travertine counter of baby's bath is used, at the moment, for weighing-in*

NEW WING FOR A NEW BABY

continued

Although the Sheffs had never suffered from a sense of cramp in their four-room house, they felt that if they were going to expand, they might as well indulge themselves and get, within reason, everything they wanted. If they should decide to have three children, each child would have his own bedroom. Should they find two small blessings quite enough, the third room could be a guest room, leaving the original study (which had doubled in brass as a guest room) an undisturbed, bookish retreat.

By day, the new playroom was to be a child's domain, but come curfew, the Sheffs wanted to be able to dance there, to fill it with tables for bridge or to stage charades —amusements calling for more space than the original house could offer. Somewhere, too, Mrs. Sheff wanted a nook for growing greenery with a sink and the proper space for flower arranging. And since guests and babies are not the most compatible of bath companions, the proposed wing was to have two full bathrooms.

With plenty of space to build on, all these things were possible. The playroom, *opposite page*, came to life handsomely with white plaster walls, a bit of walnut-stained paneling and a brilliantly polished floor of marble aggregate. (Mrs. Sheff was her own decorator, chose all materials.) Floor-to-ceiling doors open most of the room to the terrace, and a long skylight over the inner perimeter washes the wall below with a gentle flood of sunlight.

The baby's bath, *left*, would please a Roman with its three walls of yellow and blue tiles, blue fixtures and a marble floor the color of honey. Until the young man is up to all this grandeur, however, he will be bathed in a bathinette in his room next door, a sizable growing-up spot with space enough for a man-sized four-poster and desk the day he outgrows his crib and play pen.

Conservatory is an alcove with a glass wall and skydome for sunlight, a sink-counter for flower arranging, a cabinet for storing vases and bowls



Baby's room is big enough to accommodate eventually a 6-footer



All playroom paintings, above and below, are the work of Melitta Brown

Playroom doors slide open to a brick-paved, tree-fringed terrace







Almost every family represented in the survey agreed that a secluded sitting room was their idea of heaven—a place for music and books.

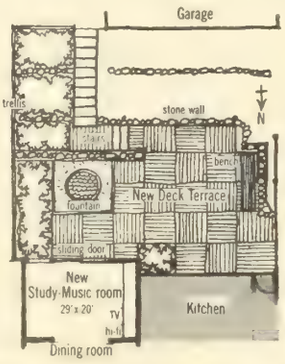
A small paradise was attained in Mr. and Mrs. James Abrahamson's narrow San Francisco house by transforming a decrepit sun porch and garden into a room-with-a-view.

QUIET RETREAT:
A ROOM FOR BOOKS AND MUSIC





Inside as well as outside, old porch was an unattractive hanger-on



Porch was converted to new music room, garden redesigned for outdoor living, a better view

OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. James Abrahamson
ARCHITECTS: Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: Lawrence Halprin & Associates
LOCATION: San Francisco, Calif.

The Abrahamsons' 50-year-old stucco house, like so many others in San Francisco, lay as close to its neighbors as the law allowed and covered every usable inch of its plot with the exception of a rear garden. The Abrahamsons liked their garden, and in their search for new space had no desire to encroach upon it. But they cared not at all for their down-at-the-heels rear sun porch —a cue for architects Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller, who suggested converting it into the much-wanted new room for television, music and books.

The porch came down, and in its place, between dining room and garden, there rose an airy phoenix of a room with a peaked skylight and almost an entire wall of glass to frame the view of the rejuvenated garden —the work of landscape architect Lawrence Halprin. A two-pronged project, the garden and music room were designed to complement each other.

Although side-wall windows in the new room were ruled out from the start (the kitchen adjoined one side and on the opposite side a neighboring house was so close that a window would have destroyed privacy), the combination of glass end wall and fiber glass skylight provide well-balanced light. And since the doors and partitions between music room and dining room are also paneled with glass, the skylight's glow penetrates all the way to the dining room's inner wall, giving that room more light than it ever had before.

The new room was floored in quarry tile and paneled in mahogany. The music system (hi-fi, TV, radio), built by the Abrahamsons' teen-age son Rick, was installed in cane-doored cabinets below a wall of bookshelves. And for the garden, new music was composed: a handsome fountain provides a tinkling accompaniment to indoor Bach.

Transformed, the music room-née-porch is a sunlit bridge between dining room and redesigned outdoor living area



Garden was remodeled with new planting, new decking, new seating and dining

REMODELING

FAMILY ROOM-KITCHEN

ONE GREAT ROOM

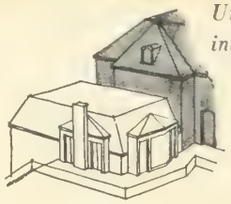
The sentiment expressed by more than a few homeowners was summed up by one: "What I really want is a large family-room-kitchen with a fireplace—a comfortable hard-knocks room for children and informal entertaining.

There was nothing Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rohde wanted more—a juvenile bailiwick for their seven children. They acquired it, and much more, by expanding a small wing of their house in New Canaan, Conn.



OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Rohde
ARCHITECT: John Black Lee
LOCATION: New Canaan, Conn.

New addition (unshaded) more than doubled size of existing wing



Unshaded area indicates expanded wing

Unlike the lady whose only solution to a large family was to live in a shoe, the Rohdes built for their seven children—aged 4, 8, 11, 14, 18, 19 and 22—what amounts to a self-contained house of their own. The original house, built in the Nineteen Thirties in the French style, was big, but not quite big enough for a family of nine—not enough bedrooms, no playroom. For years, Mrs. Rohde had longed for a living room that looked like a living room, not a toy shop, and for a quiet guest room far away from dormitory din.

Designed by architect John Black Lee to be architecturally compatible with the main house, the addition was attached to the original house by removing one wall of a small wing (see plan, *left*) containing, among other rooms, an outmoded, inadequate kitchen. That room was completely demolished and replaced by a new kitchen which was spectacularly expanded by a huge new family room with wonderfully variegated storage. The new construction also provided two new bedrooms and a bath. An existing bedroom and bath next to the laundry (see lower right of plan) were incorporated in the new complex, thus bedding down three of the children and giving Mrs. Rohde a serene main-house guest room at last.





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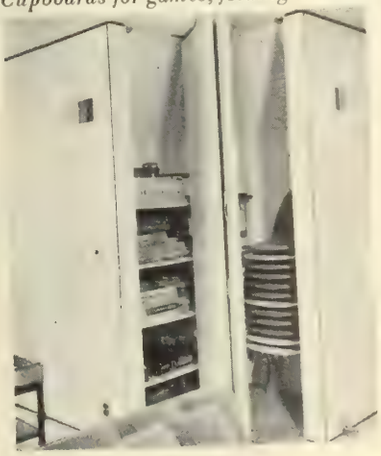


Floor-to-ceiling window brightens family room area

New play terrace is an extension of existing terrace

Family room assets: hospitable fireplace, semi-permanent hopscotch, Ping-Pong-billiards-dining table, a cage for Lolita, the monkey

Cupboards for games, folding chairs



Closet for outdoor clothes, boots



Six-place counter divides new family room from remodeled kitchen. At right, built-in fish tank.



BEST OF THE PAST:

MAKING THE MOST OF INHERENT RICHES



Original structure was not a house, but had appealing details

Less than half the participants in H&G's study went on record as being unalterably partial to a particular architectural style. But repeatedly they confessed a hankering for blessings likely to be found in traditional houses—high ceilings, spaciousness, interesting architectural detail.



Converted into a house, it acquires new wing—arched wall at left

These were the assets that appealed to architect Harrison De Silver in a building that had begun life as the estate office of the Richard Washburn Child property in New Canaan, Conn. Built in 1900 with great solidity and Edwardian charm, it had since been converted into a house not quite large enough to meet the De Silver family's present and future needs. But the architect succeeded in extending the spacious proportions and engaging details to a new, up-to-date wing.

Since architect De Silver works, for the most part, in a contemporary idiom, he would never have dreamed of designing a house like the original half of "The Clock Tower." Yet he was delighted with its beetling quaintness, its soundness of limb and its possibilities. The gambrel roof, the corbeled brickwork, the open and closed arches added up to no particular style, but composed a surprisingly pleasant whole. Built on a slope, the house appears to be only two stories high at the front where the great clock informs all comers of the hour. But at the back (see page 106), the windows of three full stories look out on the rolling countryside.

Inside, the building offers a variety of well-proportioned spaces such as the floor-through living room, *opposite page*, a fantastic 14 feet high and bisected by a brick colonnade. Why this eccentric but lovely masonry ever came to be where it is, no one knew. (The De Silvers, although curious, do not really care. They simply enjoy it.) The rooms on the lower level have lower ceilings, wonderful old vaulted ones of brick, untouched, except for paint, for sixty-five years. (*Continued*)



Living room's colonnade might have been inspired by a thirteenth-century cloister



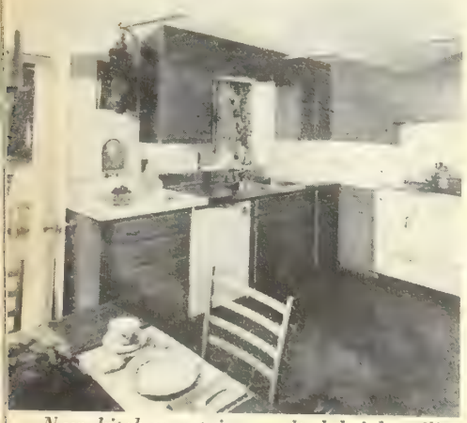




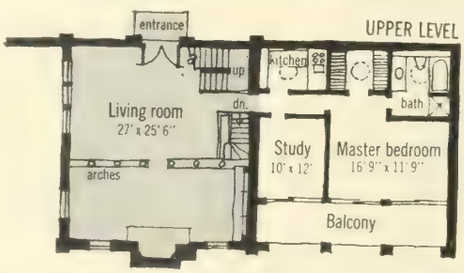
Arches at rear of new wing echo graceful curves of living room windows in old house

REMODELING

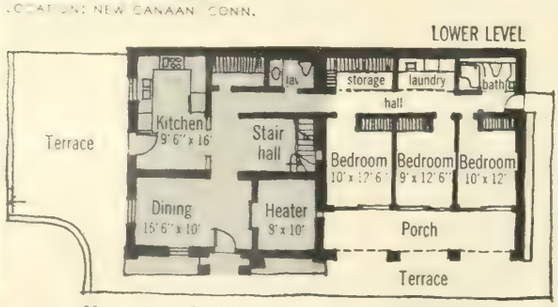
MAKING THE MOST OF INHERENT RICHES *continued*



New kitchen retains vaulted brick ceiling



OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. HARRISON DE SILVER
ARCHITECT: HARRISON DE SILVER
LOCATION: NEW CANAAN, CONN.



New wing doubles areas of two lower floors

When they bought the property, the De Silvers confined their remodeling of the existing house to renovation. They laid a new floor of quarry tile throughout the lower level, opened a new door from the kitchen to a newly created side terrace, installed new kitchen cabinets and appliances, converted a downstairs bath to a powder room.

The more ambitious project was the addition of the new two-story wing designed by Mr. De Silver. Where to put it was no problem, since one side of the existing house was windowless; each of the two lower stories afforded a convenient place for cutting through a connecting door; and there was plenty of ground for expansion.

As with the old house, the lower level of the wing is not visible from the road. Since the roof is flat and the front wall is windowless, it resembles a garden wall rather than the façade of a house (see page

Master bedroom has tiled floor, opens to balcony of two-story arched portico

104). But a series of closed arches, borrowed from the details of the original structure, soften its plane. The side wall of the wing is windowless, too, but at the back it opens up dramatically into three two-story-high arches that line up with the back wall of the old house. A recessed balcony runs behind the arches at the second floor level, a porch below.

The lower floor was planned for children (the first is on its way) and their nurse. Each of the three bedrooms has one whole wall of glass that slides open to the ground level porch and the terrace beyond. The upper floor is a self-contained suite for the parents: bedroom, bath, study, a walk-in storage room and a tiny second kitchen. The rear walls of bedroom and study also are of glass, opening on this level to the arch-framed balcony. Skylights brighten bathroom, storage room and kitchenette.



The study, a thoroughly modern office-at-home, opens to the same balcony

THE QUEST FOR A BETTER KITCHEN

may tempt you to move but very likely you can realize your dreams by staying right where you are

Much more than what is on the stove is cooking in most families' kitchens—or they wish it were. "A kitchen should be large," said one of the women who took part in our study panels. "Large enough so that two or more people can work in it without bumping into each other," added a second. "I would like more cupboard space" . . . "a place to plug in table appliances" . . . "a window with a view" . . . "a place for writing and telephoning" . . . "a block of wood to cut meat on."

Remodeling satisfied all these stipulations for the two families whose new kitchens appear here and on the following pages. Both kitchens boast considerably more space than the rooms they replaced, more and better organized storage, more light, more windows, a planning center, an appliance center. Yet neither project involved adding new space to the house: the old kitchens were expanded by incorporating small adjoining rooms that no longer really paid their way in usefulness.





On one side of old kitchen was a pantry, on the other side, a dinette

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Dinette became planning center; ovens were installed opposite range

1. COUNTRY KITCHEN UP-TO-DATE

The amiable kitchen in Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Curran's house in Beverly Hills, Calif., was once a complex of three dismal rooms: a kitchen scarcely adequate for a family with two children, a cramped dinette and a poky butler's pantry. The kitchen itself had but one small window and the only place for the dishwasher was next to the stove. What the O'Currans' wanted was a kitchen that could take frequent and varied entertaining in its stride, but look like the room most people think of when they say "old-fashioned country kitchen." The first step was to open up the three rooms into one large roughly L-shaped space (see plans, page 152). The next was to cut through two 7-foot-wide windows at the inside angle of the L and wrap a right-angled line-up of St. Charles countertop cabinets around the newly bright corner. On the other side of the room the demolished pantry wall was replaced by a peninsula cooking center, half of which is a six-burner range top, half a counter with an inlaid butcher block for carving meat, rolling pastry and such. Designer William T. Boyle endowed the room with its inviting country look by such means as wall surfaces of old brick, a new floor of walnut-pegged hardwood, small braided rugs of washable synthetic fiber, an antique drop-front desk for the planning center in the ex-dinette and, to time all operations, a venerable grandfather's clock.

Cooking peninsula, accessible from three sides, replaced wall of pantry



2. FAMILY KITCHEN WITH HIDDEN RESOURCES



Old kitchen was cluttered, disorganized

The David Kirkbrides had only one means of expanding the kitchen of their big old house in New Canaan, Conn.—by incorporating the adjoining butler's pantry, already doubling as a laundry. But when they consulted a kitchen planner on ways and means of exchanging their clutter of ill-matched equipment, open shelving and trailing electric cords for a well-organized work-and-storage room *plus* a breakfast area, they learned it is not always the space that counts, but the way you use it. They also learned that although the cost of remodeling a kitchen is never inconsiderable, it can be pared appreciably by planning a new kitchen around the existing locations of plumbing and electrical outlets. So having removed the short wall between kitchen and pantry (see plans, page 153), the Kirkbrides installed their new sink in a position at right angles to the old one, connecting it to the same pipes. And when they dispensed with their old stove in favor of a cooking center composed of two G. E. ovens and a range top combined with base and wall cabinets, the location remained the same. But since cupboards can go almost anywhere, they took advantage of formerly unused wall space to install a variety of new Quaker Maid cabinets, thus clearing one corner of the room for a breakfast area where the three Kirkbride children not only breakfast now, but lunch and do their homework. Moving one window and adding another gave this corner a garden view, and the addition of a third window over the repositioned sink brightened what had once been the pantry. Possibly the two single innovations that contributed most to the Kirkbrides' victory with space, however, were the three-layer pantry cabinet and the rolling counter or chef's cart. The chef's cart is a butcher-block-topped cabinet mounted on wheels instead of on a base.





Added windows, acoustical tile ceiling make corner pleasant for breakfast



New G. E. refrigerator is flanked by telephone center, appliance center

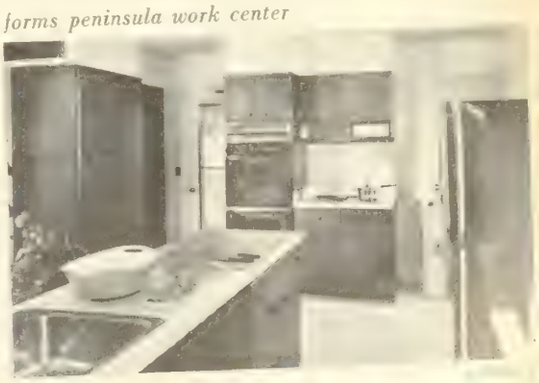
Chef's cart rolls over to cooking center to provide counter for hot dishes from oven



Pantry cabinet opens like a book

The pantry cabinet is a tall food safe containing three vertical layers of storage space each one-can deep. The first layer is on the back of the double doors. The second is a pair of swing-out tiers of shelves behind which is a third layer of fixed shelves. The net result of these devices plus the rest of the remodeling in the Kirkbrides' kitchen was to double the former cooking capacity and triple the former storage.

At end of sink counter, chef's cart forms peninsula work center





Beautiful glass has some of the same intangible magic as firelight and moonbeams and running water. Sparked by sunlight or candlelight, glass seems to be alive, dancing and winking with the shimmer of refracted light. As glass workers from Venice to Virginia have shown us, the material can be blown or molded into an extraordinary variety of shapes—some as sinuous and flowing as a drop of water, others chunky and diamond-hard. In addition to its water-clear natural state, glass also comes in fabulous colors—pale, smoky tints or rich hues as vibrant as the colors of precious stones. With this rich potential in form and color, compositions in glass—bottles, vases, paperweights, balls—make marvelous and easy-to-create centerpieces for party tables, sparkling alternatives to flowers during the winter months. Polished to a high gleam, glass gives an instant festive air to a table setting, even if the rest of your trimmings are as simple as a white linen cloth or plain straw mats. On these and the following pages is a series of fantasies in glass, all of which can be assembled in jig time. Some might be moved after the party to catch the light on a window ledge or an open bookshelf.

GLASS:
Dancing lights for party tables



An exciting way to show off a collection of crystal paperweights, *opposite page,* is to herd them together (the more the better) into a dazzling dinner party centerpiece. Plain crystal cubes make excellent pedestals on which variously shaped paperweights—octagons, pyramids, nuggety-forms—can rest like jewels. The purpose of the crystal ball-and-stand is not merely to inspire occult seers: It also adds height to the arrangement. Candles in crystal holders add the final magic of dancing light. All the crystal splendor is from Tiffany & Co. "Regency" goblets by Bryce; "Classic" candles by Colonial Candle Co. For shopping information, see page 149.



To emphasize the fragile-as-a-bubble quality of glass, play it against sharply contrasting textures like wrought iron, starchy linens, the graininess of straw. *Above:* A pair of wrought-iron Swedish candelabra hung with glass pendants inspires a dinner-party centerpiece. Instead of flowers, a wrought-iron basket is piled with glass bubbles on a bed of glass cullets—coarse lumps of unfinished glass. "Dartmouth" goblets by Stuart Crystal. *Left:* For a smaller table, a less formal party, you could make a glittery little forest of nothing but glass cullets and plump candles. Bluegate candles. On both the tables: International's "Joan of Arc" sterling.

Used for the delight of its shape and color, glass can be as versatile as an artist's palette—as photographer André Kertész demonstrated when he made the whimsical compositions in glass, *left* and *right,* for his window ledges. Composed simply of inverted and upright tumblers and glass balls, his concoctions look as dazzling as stained-glass windows fired by sunlight or candlelight after dark.



Glass can create special color effects on a table setting, too—effects as subtle or intense as any you could achieve with flowers. For the cool-as-mint luncheon table, *below,* a crystal rivière is filled with sea green glass nuggets and crowned in the center with a pyramid of clear and sea green glass balls. (To make the pyramid, you glue the balls together in layers of three using a colorless adhesive like Duco Cement that can be dissolved with nail polish remover. Glue one layer at a time and let dry thoroughly before adding next layer; glue bottom layer to an inverted tumbler used as a pedestal.) Completing this tablé: "Green Fitzhugh" Lowestoft Spode china; International's "1810" sterling; Lalique crystal rivière, goblets.

On the dramatic buffet table, *opposite page,* the medley of colored glass bottles (updated versions of the old-fashioned apothecary bottles) creates against the white wall an effect as bold as a modern painting. Dried branches inserted in the bottles are decked, Christmas tree fashion, with little glass teardrops filled with colored liquids. Blue-tinted tumblers and the flower-printed cloth carry out the jewel colors, and tall slender candles make them glow after dark. The complete setting: International's "1810" sterling flatware; Fostoria's "Argus" tumblers; Blenko glass bottles; Island Worcester's "Forbidden Fruit" china designed by Vera; Craig Creations cloth; Dansk candles. For shopping information, turn to page 149.



KERTESZ

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PHOTOGRAPHS BY JON NA-

A ROOFTOP EYRIE gives a modern designer exactly the home he wants

To search for an apartment with sun and vista in the heart of New York City is very much like looking for a needle in a haystack. Sun and vista, however, were the goals of interior designer Ward Bennett when he was hunting for a new apartment after his old one had been robbed of its East River view. Mr. Bennett also had a very definite idea of *how* he wanted to live, a manner which he termed "purely in the twentieth century." Specifically, this meant an end to traditional backgrounds because "we do not lead traditional lives," the ruling out of "dark brownstones" and the quest for a studio environment, the kind artists have cherished for centuries.

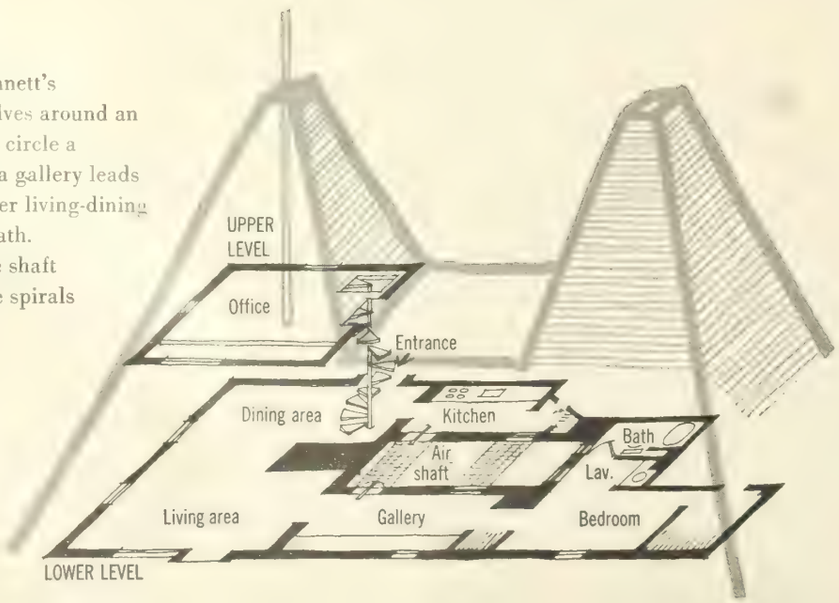
Remarkably, Mr. Bennett was able to stake out his new way of life in one of the oldest apartment buildings in New York, the famous septuagenarian château on Central Park West called the Dakota. There, on the rooftop, he bought a two-story cluster of servants' quarters that included, on the first floor, four bedroom cubicles-with-sinks ranged around an airshaft, a hall leading to a public bath and toilet, a backdoor staircase leading to a single second-story room and a two-story skylight painted black. With an expert's technical knowledge and a romantic's perception, he set about transforming this dismal miscellany into the sky-and-sun-filled studio apartment he lives and works in today.

Two cubicles and a piece of a public corridor he turned into a fluid living-dining area (see plan, *below*), ripping out the cubicle sinks as he went along. Into the once public hall he installed a compact kitchen, and a third bedroom he converted into a gallery (for art and after-dinner coffee). From the single existing bathroom, cut off now from its former hall, a door was cut through into a newly installed lavatory which in turn leads to the only bedroom the designer left unaltered. For the living room he designed and built a new staircase that wings, like a stabile sculpture, up to the second-story crow's nest where he has set up his office.

Mr. Bennett has also courted ardently the light and vista he values so highly. By painting the walls around the airshaft white, and covering the airshaft itself with pewter-colored subway grating, he has created the illusion of a courtyard where he places stone sculpture and plants. The old-fashioned double-hung windows have been replaced by plain glass in pivot frames. He has also added two new windows and replaced the skylight's murky panes. The new concrete floor of the upper-level studio was designed to stop a few feet short of the outside wall so that the living room's huge skylight could ascend uninterrupted almost to the peak of the room above.

The original rooftop entrance has been retained and through it a sense of space, air and greenery seems to flow right into the apartment. It is sparingly but distinctively furnished with such disparate pieces as a luxurious Italian marble dining table and an adjustable Victorian iron deck chair. And every room is enhanced with art—contemporary drawings, gouaches, antique carvings, pre-Columbian sculpture.

Main floor of Ward Bennett's rooftop apartment revolves around an airshaft as some houses circle a courtyard. On one side a gallery leads from the corner-to-corner living-dining room to bedroom and bath. On the other side of the shaft is the kitchen. Staircase spirals to upper-level studio.



The gallery, a quiet spot for reading during the day, is often used as a withdrawing room for after-dinner coffee. Tray is set on carpeted shelf turned buffet, while Mr. Bennett's guests make themselves comfortable on floor cushions. Next to bedroom doorway hangs a seventeenth-century German roadside Christ.

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From the adjoining roof, *below*, the apartment looks like two lopsided pyramids joined by a bridge. Skylight rises from one end of living room to studio above. Small windows are in gallery and bedroom. Rooftop entrance is on other side of center bridge. *Bottom of page:* living room in three stages of reconstruction.

In the kitchen, *below*, all appliances are ranged along one wall, all are enameled black. Closet at end replaces usual wall-hung cabinets. Radiator covered with subway-grille serves as plate warmer and buffet. Kitchen by Dwyer.

Living room, *above*, is roughly divided by a great buttress-like chimney, into dining area at left, reading-and-conversation area at right. Centered on the chimney is a bronze by Reg Butler. A pair of mattresses covered in glove leather stand in for a sofa, and the amber tones of its pillows are accented by a string of amber beads hanging on the wall. Steel and leather sled chair is Bennett's own design. Sliced arch of doorway to gallery, *right*, is remnant of original construction, but looks like a modern tour de force.











Living and dining areas, *below*, are related by continuous shelf for pictures and art objects along room's longest wall. Steel I-beams frame wall space and windows.



Bedroom, *below*, and bathroom *right*, are like a single L-shaped room although the tub and toilet section may be closed off with a floor-to-ceiling door. Tall windows on bathroom leg of L are fitted with shades that roll up from bottom to afford privacy without cutting off light. Bed is covered with black fabric. A camphor chest topped with a bright red Early American tray serves as a night table.



Lavatory, *above* and *left*, is completely new addition to the apartment since existing bathroom had none. Whole back wall of alcove is lined with mirror and luminescent panel lights [illegible] beyond is corner of bedroom near door to gallery.







In bathroom proper, *above*, old fixtures were retained because the designer likes their old-fashioned lines. The outside of the tub is painted Delphinium Blue. Plants stand on the quarry tile floor, an ink drawing by Nell Blaine hangs on the wall above the chair, which is an old Rolls Royce jump seat. Shower curtain is made of classic raincoat fabric. The telephone plugs into a jack at window sill to the left.



Floor of upstairs room was demolished, *above*, and replaced with a new one of concrete, leaving space at one side, *above right*, so that skylight (and ivy) could rise continuously from living room below up to studio ceiling.



The studio, *below*, Mr. Bennett's preferred workroom, (he has another in mid-town), has ample space for files, books and blueprints. One work table has a top of oak butcher block, the other is covered in black leather. Tufted leather chair is a Bennett design. Floor is covered with white mosaic tiles.



A mythical sea captain's collected treasures give salty flavor to a weekend retreat

Transplanted beach house





PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOM LEONARD

Few families in search of extra space have hit upon a solution as ingenious as the one interior designer James Amster used to enlarge his oceanside retreat at Fire Island, N. Y.: He lifted the house. Its original one-and-a-half stories had contained only four rooms plus a cellar in which a 6-footer could barely stand upright. The 25-foot lot was too narrow to allow for expansion at the sides, and an addition at the rear would have encroached on the dunes and cut off part of the neighbors' views of the ocean. So Mr. Amster started his remodeling by calling in house-moving specialists who raised the house from its foundations, moved it 18 feet inland and set it down on new supporting posts tall enough to allow for a full ground floor with an 8-foot ceiling. This maneuver produced space for a new living-dining-kitchen and a guest room and bath (see plan, page 125). In addition, the designer created two new areas for outdoor living —a 20-foot lattice-screened deck on the ocean end (1, *above*, and 3, *below*) and at the front of the house (2), a 15-foot brick-paved patio flanked by two sheds for storing the bicycles and express wagons that are Fire Island's only forms of transportation and haulage.

The biggest puzzle, says Mr. Amster, was where to put the stairs. Formerly, a straight single flight, running across the width of the house near the center, had consumed an inordinate amount of room. By substituting a spiral metal stairs in approximately the same spot, he not only saved space on the two lower floors, but actually added about 24 square feet to the upper (now third floor) bedroom. To complete the house-wide transformation, he added grievously needed storage, installed electric wall heaters and sheathed the exterior with a new siding that looks like white clapboard, is guaranteed not to need refinishing for at least twenty years.

The furnishings of the second-floor living room (4 and 5), which Mr. Amster likes to call the parlor, are typical of the mixture of American Empire and oriental export antiques he has used along with things from here, there and everywhere to give the whole house a special flavor. "Coming from New England," he explains, "I've always thought it would be fun to decorate a house for a retired sea captain. But since I never had one for a client, I decided to pretend I was the sea captain and this was his house."

The parlor is furnished largely with pairs—rope-girdled chaises in the room's corners, spool-frame armchairs, Imari porcelain lamps on little book tables flanking the fireplace. The floor here, and continuously

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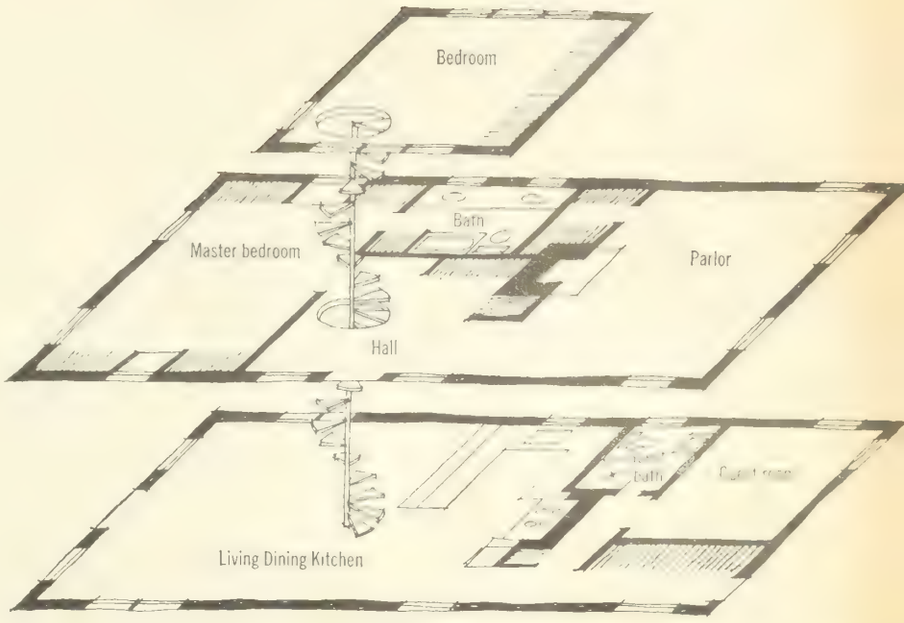


throughout the second story, is covered with sheet vinyl in a pattern that reproduces, three-dimensional texture and all, a length of antique rope carpeting which the designer has in his house in New York.

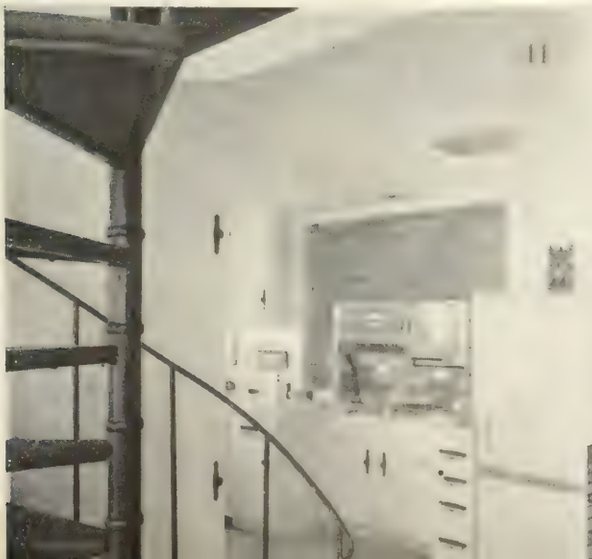
From the adjoining hall (6) the spiral stairs ascend to the enlarged third-floor bedroom (7). There, as from the classic sea captain's cupola, you can look out over the whole island. But since the room's ten windows are medium to small, they are unencumbered with curtains, and hung instead with blue roller shades trimmed with bands of woven rope.

The new first floor (8) is discreetly finished underfoot with vinyl tiles of white-spattered beige that helps to camouflage the sand inevitably tracked in from the dunes. Walls of white-painted tongue-and-groove boarding make a sparkling background for a red and blue color scheme that is summed up in the red, white and blue woven stripes of the Mexican cotton that curtains the windows. On the right as you come in the front door is the dining area, and on the left, a living area (10) with a daybed upholstered partially with an old Saugerties coverlet. There you can sit and chat with anyone who happens to be working in the open kitchen. One arm of the kitchen's U-plan work counter, topped with red-white-and-blue ceramic tile, doubles as a snack bar. (The red-seated mahogany stools are children's high chairs from Jamaica, pruned of their arms.) At the end of this counter, one of the new supporting posts has been boxed in to enclose cupboards for cook books and such. In the wall opposite is another structural necessity turned asset: Since a brick pier (11) had to be built to support the second-floor fireplace and chimney, a space was left in the masonry into which a self-contained air-conditioned Jenn-Air range was recessed.

Sharing the second floor with the parlor (see 4 and 5, page 123), is a greatly enlarged bathroom (9) and the master bedroom (12). Both sides of the room are lined from corner to corner with storage—built-in drawers and closets with louvered doors to encourage ventilation, discourage mildew. Dominating the center is an early nineteenth-century four-poster, over which hangs another bit of the Americana that is scattered through the house: a patent-leather plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the United States.



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RALPH BAILEY



A curving colonnade and the house itself form the chief garden axis.

A great New Orleans garden where

ELEGANCE LOOKS EASY

Among the attributes of a great garden, none is more becoming to it than elegance, which may take many forms—most of them unconnected with size or luxuriance. What we mean by elegance is invariably distinguished by a sense of style, by appropriateness and by what, for want of a more precise term, might be called good plant handling. Such manifestations of true elegance may stem from fine design, or from proper scale —which is the handmaiden of design—but while difficult to define, they are always unmistakable. These qualities rest easily on the New Orleans garden of Mrs. Edgar B. Stern. The delta country is sunny and productive. In its rich earth many plants grow well, and in this particular garden, first laid out a generation or more ago, the timeless elements of classic horticultural design have been imposed on ample space and under the loving care of one of America's great landscape architects, the late Ellen Shipman. The spirit of the basic garden plan is frankly in the tradition of formality, as is at once apparent on these two pages. But the implications of variety are obvious. Between the terraces and formal beds, *opposite page*, and the fountain arcade, *above*, there is plenty of room for great sweeps of turf, for beautifully designed walls, for colorful plant bays along either side of the central panel that reach their peaks during the early spring and autumn seasons that bracket summer in this climate. At one side, the lawns blend almost imperceptibly into the fairways of an adjoining golf course. On the other, they ramify into a series of several gardens—some purely ornamental, some primarily utilitarian. Such ramifications are an inevitable part of any garden that aspires to true elegance.

Good design is vital to elegance

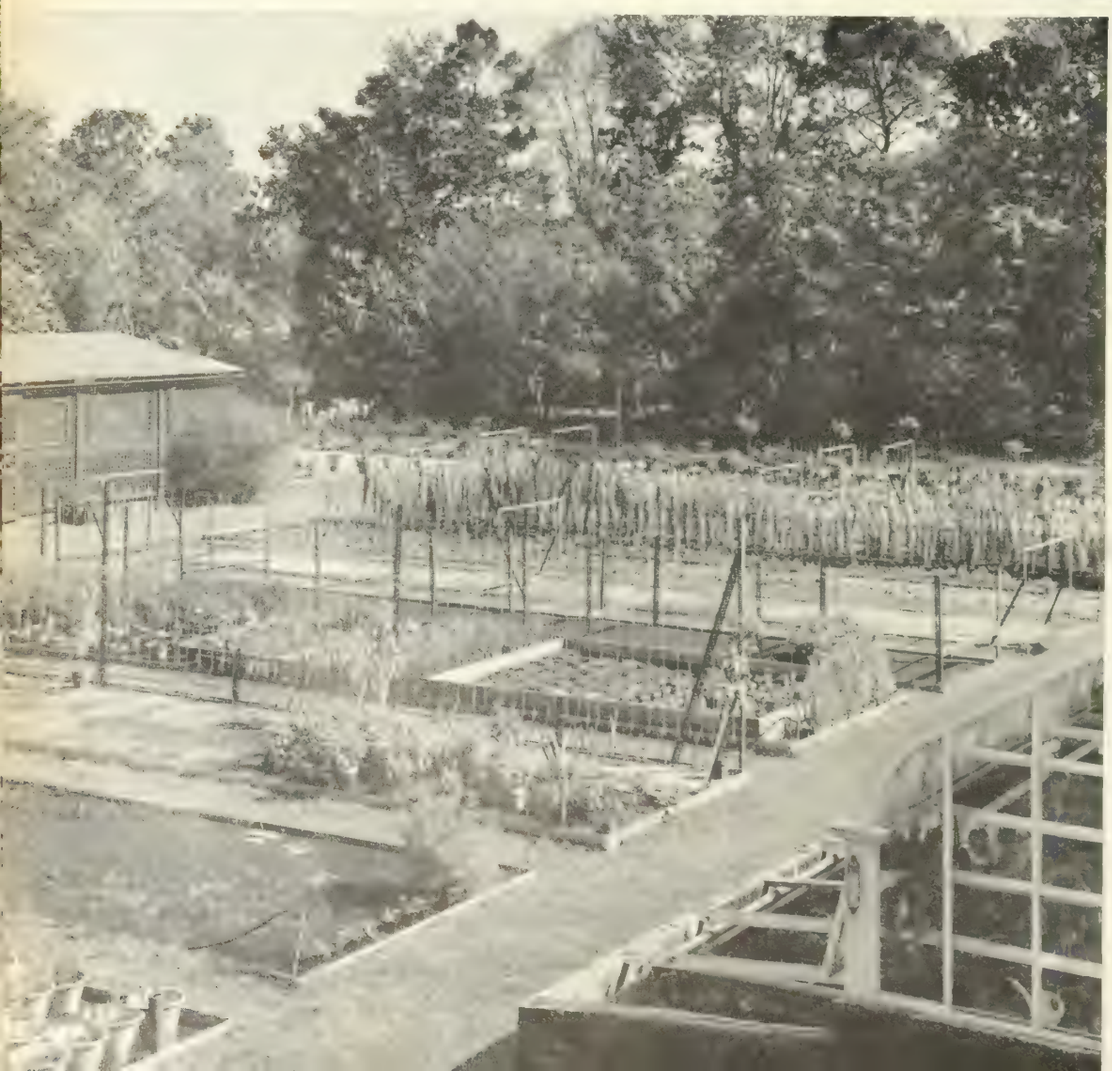
From the living room balcony of Mrs. Edgar B. Stern's New Orleans house, a pair of box-edged rose gardens (one, *opposite page*) spread beyond the brick terrace. While luxuriant tree roses dominate the plantings, it is the whole design that is of first importance. The final stamp of quality is placed on it by a perfection of detail that appears to be almost casual.

IT IS THE WORK AND SERVICE AREAS THAT MAKE THE WHOLE GARDEN POSSIBLE

The quality of a garden is as readily revealed by its workaday details as by the more conventional and obvious aspects. And while the full merits of Mrs. Stern's garden are not necessarily proved by these glimpses behind the scenes, they are certainly implied. To create pleasant living areas, to plant paths attractively, to bring handsome trees and shrubs to rich maturity are not of themselves difficult things for an accomplished or dedicated gardener to do. But to carry out so well the logistics of maintaining and servicing the familiar garden adjuncts is quite another matter. There is no single division or corner of this entire horticultural complex that does not make its contribution to the effectiveness of all the other parts. Efficiency, productiveness and beauty, in varying but essential proportions, distinguish them all.

A vegetable plot here is not just a place where food crops are raised, but an imaginatively planned, superbly organized and—yes—elegant garden in its own right. Nursery beds, lath houses, seed frames, greenhouses, storage and work areas all witness the common preoccupation with landscape beauty shared by the designer and all the skilled hands that maintain them. Even the inevitable clutter that accumulates around the service areas of any viable garden is touched here by a singular grace, whether it is an old-fashioned wheelbarrow—strong, sturdy and unstreamlined such as no seeker can find any more—or a dozen seemingly forgotten flowerpots or a dozen ladders of assorted sizes, styles and materials. Among the other gardens on this textured landscape are groves of camellias, an allée of live-oaks (blessedly Spanish-moss-less), an azalea walk, a wild garden and pool, each marked by the same meticulous order, the same luster that come only from real use and understanding.





Octagon of vegetables with a central pool of flowers

Growing food for the home table is no part of truck farming and can only gain from being done attractively and with the care ordinarily devoted to flowers. The brick-walled octagon, *above*, is quite in keeping with the elegance of adjacent garden areas. The step-like sunken garden in the center has just borne a handsome crop of irises, with other flowers to follow.

A garden of replacements

Between the heavily shaded plant storage houses, at the left to the somewhat less shady greenhouse at right of path, the service gardens provide every imaginable kind of growing space for plants in and out of bloom, as well as for those being developed in nursery beds for permanent landscape use. Admittedly spacious, these areas obviously support a fine garden.

TOM LEONARD



Utility, beauty or both on every hand

This nook between the courtyard wall and the tool storage shed makes an ideal place, partly shaded in a climate where the sun climbs high, for both resting daffodils and other bulbs that have flowered and for setting up a potting bench to handle seasonal bedding plants.

A rack of hanging baskets being groomed for garden display

Several sturdy pipe racks like the one *below* are available for the grooming, cosseting, resting and general encouragement of hanging plant baskets expected to serve special purposes in the principal garden areas. This is such a simple way of handling plant baskets—a half dozen or a hundred—that you wonder more gardeners don't provide them. For, whether large and elaborate or small and simple, all good gardens need hanging baskets in summer.



TRADITION WITH A GRAIN OF SALT



Black trim on shutters gives definition to pinky beige façade.

Parisian chandelier of wrought iron and crystal crowns wide entrance hall.



"It's a traditional house, but it breaks most of the traditional rules," says Mrs. Britton Browne about the house in which she and her husband, their four children and their small tribe of animals—two poodles, one dachshund, two cats—live with such relish. Located in a pretty Washington suburb where the land rises and falls in gentle hills and where plenty of trees have been allowed to remain standing to shade the houses and winding streets, the house does indeed represent seemingly disparate qualities. Yet they mingle marvelously. One of the reasons for this harmony and the emphatic success of the house is that Mrs. Browne knew exactly what she wanted when she sat down to discuss house plans and interiors with architect Nicolas Arroyo.

Primarily, she wanted a feeling of light and space to flow through the whole house. She wanted to have mostly traditional furniture because she prefers its curving lines to straight-limbed contemporary designs. Yet she wanted also to indulge here and there her love for the intense, electric colors of today. Above all, she wanted to create an atmosphere that would be as compatible for children as it is for grown-up living and party giving.

As soon as you enter the front door of the Brownes' house you are struck by an impression of breadth and gaiety. Straight ahead, across the entrance hall, you look into a two-story garden room—an enchanting little world of greenery spilling over with light from an overhead skylight—that takes the place of a center hall and lends its lofty airiness to the entire house.

The living room, on the left of the entrance hall, also has an outdoor quality since a bay window at one end frames a wide view of the pool and garden, and the floor is covered with a flower-strewn carpet made for the room in Paris. Here are some of Mrs. Browne's favorite pieces of furniture painstakingly tracked down on trips to Europe. Jointly with her mother, she runs a Washington shop, "The Pineapple," but frequently her finds for the shop end up in the house. (*Continued*)

OPPOSITE PAGE:

In the living room, behind the sofa, is one of a pair of antique overmantels salvaged from an Italian house and built into living room wall. Original oval mirrors were replaced by shelves for china and rare books.

TOM LENARD





Two pools—one for children, one for adults—are but a stone's throw from house.



Pool pavilion has a tiny kitchen for snacks.



Shade trees surrounding house give privacy.

GARDENS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS SET THE SCENE FOR FAMILY PARTIES

A summer favorite: luncheons on the terrace.



Greenhouse is Mrs. Browne's private world.



Since the garden room is truly the heart of the house (dining room, kitchen and guest room all open off it and the main staircase ascends from there), it is often used for parties—particularly dancing parties because of its marble floor. After a turn or two, guests can wander off to the living room, dining room or family room (see page 151). Meanwhile the children, to their delight, can keep an eye on the festivities from the windows of the gallery-like upstairs hall that overlooks the garden room.

Most of the time the children share in the family entertaining, particularly in summer when the Brownes live informally outdoors on the series of terraces that extend the house like another set of rooms. Daytime parties are usually held on the pool terrace which has a little pavilion cooled by a whirring fan hung from the awning support. For more elegant luncheons or evening parties, round tables are set up on a terrace outside the family room.

Mrs. Browne's particular delight is a miniature greenhouse where she frequently works at the end of the day while the children having their supper in the adjoining family room tell her their day's news. Since the greenhouse produces a steady parade of blooming plants for the house, she rarely buys cut flowers except perhaps for a special party centerpiece.

One of Mrs. Browne's personal decorating quirks has to do with the (*Continued*)



Framed by the pillars of the entrance hall, the marble-floored garden room, ABOVE *and* OPPOSITE PAGE, *gives the whole house a feeling of summer the year round. Molding is applied to the walls like latticework, an arch of lattice frames a gently splashing fountain and sunshine pours down through an enormous bubble-domed plastic skylight.*





Florentine lacquer cabinets were specially made to conceal air vents and music speaker in corners of living room.

TRADITION WITH A GRAIN OF SALT *continued*

length of curtains. She likes them to be an inch or two overlong so they will ripple out in little wavelets on the carpet—"a softer, more graceful effect than hanging dead straight to the floor." She also prefers candlelight to lamplight, so hurricane candleholders from the Paris Flea Market outnumber lamps in the living room by two to one.

The study, where the Brownes usually have cocktails before dinner, is a complete contrast to the muted tones of the living room. Bright red felt on the walls (a gay, contemporary substitute for paneling) is spiked by a crisp print for the curtains.

Comfort and serenity are the important objectives in the bedrooms. The master bedroom is furnished, except for the bed, like a sitting room; all the usual chests and dressing tables are in a large double dressing room next door. And the guest room, since it opens directly off the garden room, has been specially soundproofed so guests can sleep as late as they want even when the children are racing through the house after breakfast.



Felt-covered walls help to keep noise level low in the soundproofed guest room.













Except for the bed, the master bedroom is furnished like a comfortable sitting room.

Wrapped in felt, the study glows with warmth and the light that pours in on two sides.



LITTLE IDEAS ADD GREAT CHARM

OPPOSITE PAGE:

In guest linen closet, FAR LEFT, *shelves swing inwards to reveal a deep closet for suitcases. Guest bathroom,* NEXT RIGHT, *reverses color scheme of guest bedroom. In the powder room,* RIGHT OF CENTER, *off entrance hall, tiny scrap of space is perked up with borders of flocked wallpaper. Across from powder room is a little jewel box of a bar,* NEAR LEFT, *all red felt and wrought iron. For more pictures of house, see page 150.*

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The wines of Italy

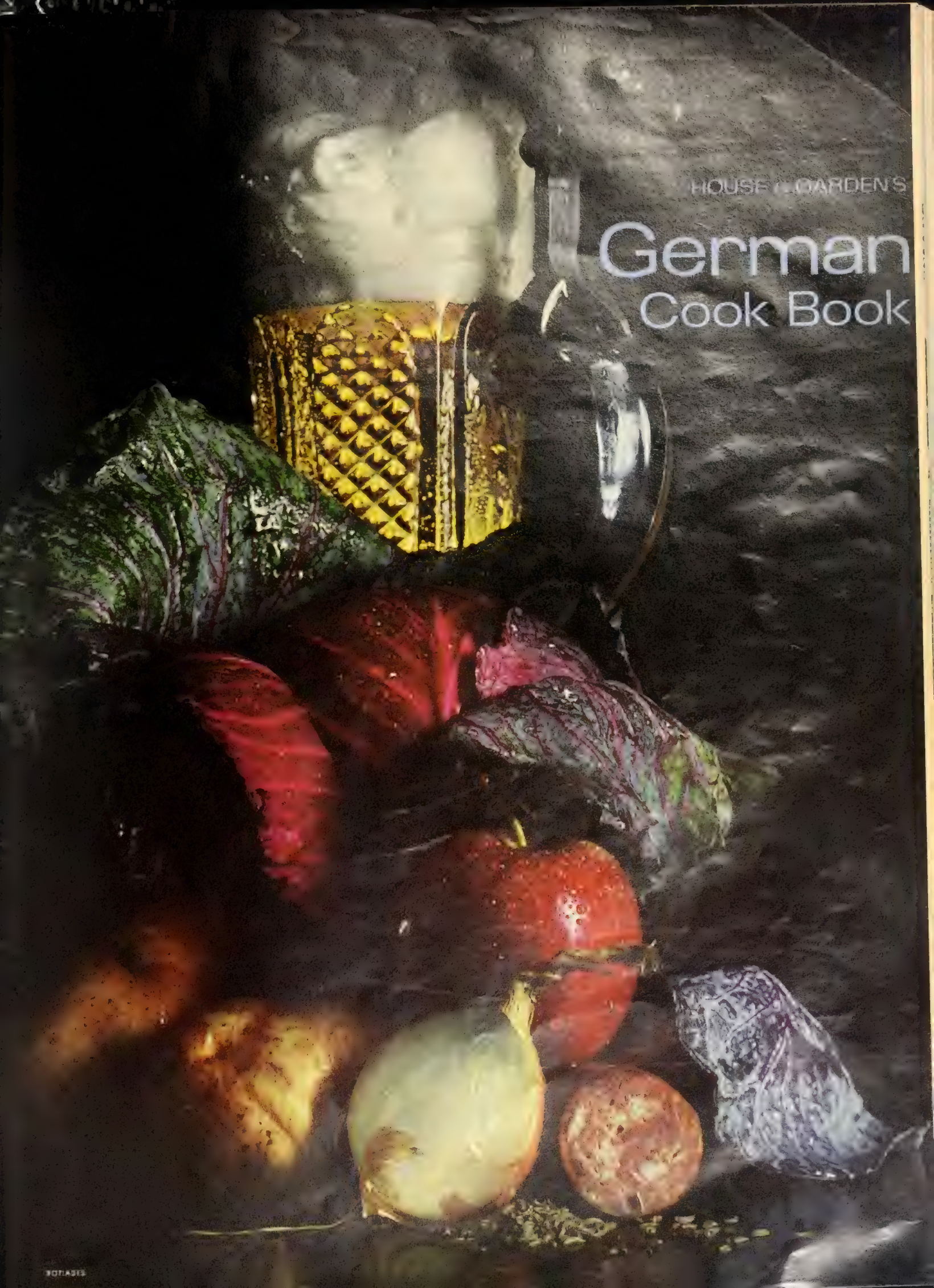
by Philip Dallas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Philip Dallas, a British writer currently living in Rome, here reports on a local innovation of interest to any wine lover—a wine "library" where Italy's finest products are sampled, stocked and sold—and gives a guide to Italian wines in general.

Italy has been a great wine-producing country for centuries (the ancient Greeks called the Italians *oenotrii viri*, men of wineland) and her wines are legion. Yet despite—or more likely because of—this largesse, Italian wines are less well-known than those of France and Germany, for even in the country of their origin it has been hard to find and taste a representative sampling of the bountiful bouquet of Italian wines. This has now been remedied by the opening of the Enoteca Italica in Siena. The Enoteca, opened two years ago in the high-vaulted cellars of the enormous fifteenth-century Medicea Fortress, is a wine library where the finest Italian wines are tested, tasted and tabulated. If the experts agree that they are worthy of the honor (and to date 400 have made the grade), they are included on the Enoteca's shelves and thus, in a way, copyrighted. Like the shelves of any good library, the Enoteca's shelves are open to the public to dip into, to savor and to enrich their knowledge, for the wines can be tasted on the premises—at wine bars or in the restaurant. It is hoped that more Enotecas will follow; others are planned for Rome, Zurich, Berlin, London and New York. Their purpose is to make Italian wines better known, both at home and abroad (a traveler in Italy would find North Italian wines unfamiliar and hard to come by in the South, and vice versa). Already the Siena Enoteca has set up a mail-order business and publishes a catalogue of its recommended wines, with vintage years and the names of the producers. You may order specific wines from the catalogue, or buy blind a sample crate of table or vintage wines, dessert or sparkling wines—each bottle from a different part of Italy. The price in Italy varies per bottle from 80c for table wines to about $1 for dessert wines. Although you cannot have Italian wines shipped to this country without an import license (apart from the gallon a returning tourist may bring home duty-free), the catalogue is a valuable reference book to have on hand while traveling or when buying Italian wines in the United States. An English translation may be obtained without charge by writing to Ente Nazionale Mostra Mercato Vini Tipici e Pregiati, Piazza Matteotti, 30, Siena, Italy.

Many people feel that Italian wines deserve the care and affection the world has so generously lavished on French wines (which French wines have so amply repaid). The fact that Italian wines are cheaper than French is evident from a glance at any wine list, but this does not mean that he who can afford to drinks French wines and he who cannot drinks Italian. Wines are not governed entirely by price. There are many other considerations, not the least of which is the fact that Italian wines, in their fascinating variety, include many types with no approximation in France. Italians are individualists and they have not standardized their wines or their processing systems as the French have, nor have the laws constrained them to make specific wines. This does not mean that the wines are less good, it simply means that you have to know more about Italian wines or have a local liquor dealer whose good judgment you can trust. Fortunately, the wines imported are mostly of high quality, and you have a further guarantee in the 1933 Export of Wines Act (a special post-Prohibition appendix that applies to the United States makes the export of uncontrolled and poor quality wines almost impossible). The 1963 Origin of Wines Act tends to make the labeling more precise in wording and contains a number of checks that will bring Italian quality standards into line with the French. However, the final authority where export is concerned is the Institute of Foreign Trade or I. C. E. This organization has no control over what is sold inside Italy, but it investigates aspirant exporters closely and rejects those about whose probity it has the slightest qualm.

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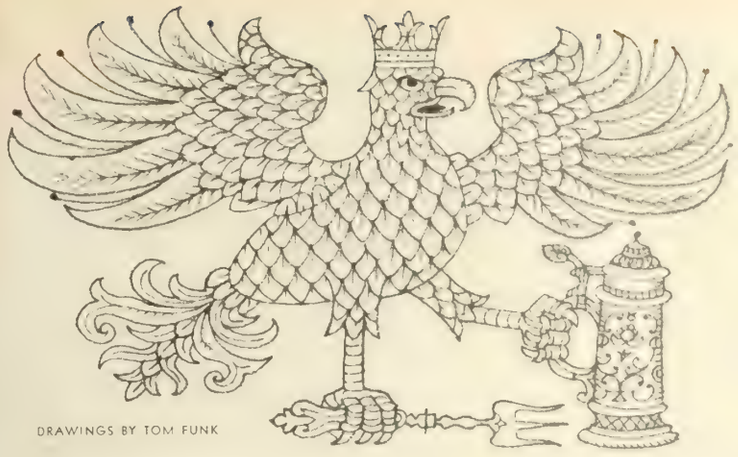
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German Cook Book

By Nika Standen Hazelton

Although the rich, regional cuisine of Germany is more substantial than subtle, it is also the kind of food that can be eaten day after day without gastronomic ennui. The reason can be found in its tastiness, in the care with which it is prepared and in the intriguing flavor combinations of sweet and sour (found here in our German-derived Pennsylvania Dutch cooking). Neither as sophisticated as French cooking nor as plain as English, German cooking is essentially food for families and for men, who love it. There is a welcome stick-to-the-ribs quality about German cooking, evidenced in Southern Germany's fondness for dumplings and the triumph of the potato in Northern Germany. National favorites are fresh and cured pork, veal—considered a festive meat—game and luscious pastries. German cookery excels in imaginative treatments of sauerkraut and the staggering variety of sausages for which the country is famed. But today the cuisine of Germany, like that of so much of Europe, is undergoing a transformation. Modern living and food processing have left their mark on the family menu, and the lively international trade in produce from all over Europe is altering eating habits. Fresh fruits and vegetables, once a seasonal delicacy, are now available year-round. The Germans, who like to travel and eat, have adopted food ideas from all over the world. Above all, the younger generation is imposing its tastes on the country. They are going in for lighter, less serious food than their forebears and, since their lives are as busy as ours, the *schnellküche*, or quick cookery, has become a stand-by. The traveler in Germany seeking what we think of as standard German food will have to go to inns or be invited to a conservative household.

As in most countries, home cooking and restaurant fare are two different kettles of fish. *Gut essen gehen*, to go out and eat well, is a favorite pursuit for Germans seeking interesting dishes and many restaurants achieve a remarkable standard of *haute cuisine*. In this cook book we have endeavored to strike a balance between these three aspects of German cooking—to include some of the more famous traditional dishes such as sauerbraten with spaetzle, to represent the *schnellküche* with a quick salad and soup and to acknowledge the contributions of the restaurant in such delicacies as veal cutlet with asparagus and lobster sauce and a creamy, feather-light hazelnut torte.

Hors d'oeuvres

Small Appetizers

(Kleine Vorspeisen)

These are best served as one-bite morsels.

Spread slices of pumpernickel bread with butter and sprinkle thickly with ground filberts or walnuts. Cut each slice of bread into 2 pieces. Top with thinly sliced radishes and garnish with a tiny sprig of parsley.

Cut cooked, peeled beets into ¼" slices. Sprinkle the beets with lemon juice and top with a small dab of sour cream.

Cream butter with a little dry mustard and spread on firm white bread. Sprinkle with ground filberts or walnuts. Top with large grapes which have been cut into halves and seeded. Cut each slice of bread into 4 pieces.

Cut peeled, cored apples into ¼" slices. Sprinkle with lemon juice to prevent darkening. Spread with cream cheese with chives. Sprinkle with a little paprika.

Cut any firm cheese such as Swiss, Münster or Tilsit into ¾" cubes. Top each cube with half a seeded grape or half a walnut or pecan. Secure with toothpicks. To serve, stick toothpicks in grapefruit.

Cut peeled cucumbers into ¼" slices. Spread lightly with sweet butter. Top with a rolled anchovy, preferably the kind stuffed with capers.

Season creamed cottage cheese with salt and pepper and spread on firm white bread. Top with chopped watercress. Cut each slice of bread into 4 pieces.

Steak Tartare

(Tartaren Brot)

A favorite appetizer, especially in Northern Germany. The meat should be freshly ground and chilled, and, as it is raw, it should be used as quickly as possible.

1 *pound raw sirloin or tenderloin, scraped or ground twice*
½ *cup minced onion*
1 *tablespoon iced water*
4 *slices pumpernickel bread*
Sweet butter
4 *raw egg yolks*

Lightly mix the meat, onion and water. (The water makes the mixture fluffy.) Spread the pumpernickel bread with sweet butter and pile the meat mixture lightly on each slice. Make an indentation in the center of the meat and slip a raw egg yolk into each indentation. Serve on individual plates and let each diner salt and pepper his own. Additional chopped onion, capers, freshly grated horseradish and watercress may be used as a garnish. Serves 4.

Soups

Quick Potato Soup

(Schnelle Kartoffelsuppe)

2 *cups peeled cubed potatoes (the cubes should be about ½" size)*
2 *medium onions, thinly sliced*
2 *tablespoons butter*
4–5 *cups hot water or bouillon*
Salt, pepper
2–4 *slices cooked bacon, crumbled*

Combine the potatoes, onions and butter in a heavy saucepan. Cook covered over lowest possible heat, stirring frequently, until the potatoes are half done. Add the hot water or bouillon and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer covered 10 minutes, or until potatoes are cooked. Sprinkle with the crumbled bacon. Serves 4.



Lentil Soup

(Linsensuppe)

1 cup lentils
1 pound smoked sausage, cut in 1" pieces
2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 large onion, diced
2 tablespoons flour
Salt, pepper to taste

Soak the lentils in cold water for 2–3 hours. Drain. Combine the lentils, sausage, potatoes, celery and onion in a large kettle. Add 2–3 quarts water, the amount depending on whether a thinner or thicker soup is desired. Simmer covered until vegetables are soft, or about 1 hour. Brown the flour in a small skillet, but do not scorch. Stir browned flour gradually into soup, stirring vigorously to prevent lumps from forming. Simmer for 5 more minutes. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper. Serves 6–8.

Barley Soup

(Gerstensuppe)

3 tablespoons sweet butter
½ cup medium barley
1 stalk celery, minced
1 medium onion, minced
1 tablespoon flour
6–8 cups hot vegetable stock or chicken bouillon
Salt, pepper to taste
¾ cup heavy cream, lightly whipped

Melt the butter in a soup kettle. Add the barley, celery and onion and cook, stirring constantly, until the barley is slightly transparent. Stir in the flour. Add the hot vegetable stock or chicken bouillon, the amount depending on whether a thicker or thinner soup is desired. Simmer covered, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour, or until barley is tender. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper. Add the cream just before serving. Serves 6.

Note: The soup may be prepared beforehand and reheated when needed. The whipped cream, however, must be stirred into the hot soup just before serving.

Vegetables

Purée of Dried Peas or Lentils

(Erbsen oder Linsenpuree)

Excellent with pork or game, or instead of potatoes or pasta.

1 pound dried yellow or green peas or lentils
1 tablespoon butter
6 slices bacon
1 medium onion, thinly sliced

Soak peas or lentils in water overnight or according to package directions. Drain. Cook in fresh, salted water 1½–2 hours, or until soft. Drain, reserving liquid. Force the peas or lentils through a food mill or whirl in a blender, adding the butter and enough of the reserved liquid to make the purée of the desired consistency. Cook the bacon until crisp. Remove and drain. Cook the onion in the bacon fat until soft. Crumble the bacon and add with the onion to the purée. Heat through thoroughly. Serves 4.

German Potato Salad

(Deutscher Kartoffelsalat)

Bacon fat and beef stock make this very different from the standard American potato salad.

2 pounds potatoes
¼ cup bacon fat, melted
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 cup beef stock
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt, pepper to taste
½ cup chopped parsley

Cook the potatoes in boiling, heavily salted water until tender. (The salt in the water keeps them firm.) Peel and slice. When barely cool, sprinkle with the bacon fat and vinegar. Add the beef stock, onion, salt and pepper. Mix gently with a fork. Let stand for 2 hours at room temperature—this salad must not be chilled. Sprinkle with the parsley. Serves 6.

Potato Dumplings

(Kartoffelkloesse)

Often served as a supper dish by themselves, with apple sauce or stewed fruit.

1 pound potatoes, peeled
1 egg, separated
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs, sautéed in butter

Grate the potatoes on a fine grater. Put into cheesecloth or a kitchen towel and squeeze out all moisture. Mix with the egg yolk, flour, salt and pepper. Beat the egg white until stiff and fold into the mixture. Drop by the tablespoonful into rapidly boiling salted water. Cover and cook about 10 minutes, or until dumplings are floating on top and cooked through. Sprinkle with the bread crumbs. Serves 4.

Note: If you are a novice at making dumplings, cook 1 dumpling first to see if it holds together (this may depend on the flour used). If not, add a little flour to the dough, 1 tablespoon at a time, and test the dumpling mixture again.

Vegetable Medley

(Leipziger Allerlei)

The success of this favorite German vegetable dish depends on the freshness of the vegetables.

1 small cauliflower, broken into flowerets
1 kohlrabi, peeled and sliced
1 cup raw sliced carrots
3 tablespoons butter
1½ cups raw fresh peas
1 cup raw asparagus, cut in 1" pieces
Salt to taste
1½ teaspoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon sugar (optional)

Combine the cauliflower, kohlrabi and carrots in a heavy saucepan. Add 1½ tablespoons of the butter and ½ cup water. Simmer covered over lowest possible heat until the vegetables are half cooked. Add the peas, asparagus, remaining 1½ tablespoons butter and ½ cup water. Season with salt. Simmer covered until vegetables are just tender; do not overcook. Mix the cornstarch to a smooth paste with 2 tablespoons cold water and gradually add, stirring constantly, to the hot vegetables. Cook over low heat until vegetables and juice are slightly thickened. Sprinkle with parsley and add the sugar, if desired. Serves 4–6.

Farmer's Breakfast

(Bauernfruehstueck)

A good brunch or supper dish.

¼ cup diced, well-flavored bacon
2 tablespoons butter
⅔ cup diced onion
¼ cup chopped parsley
3 cups diced boiled potatoes
6 eggs
½ cup milk
Salt, pepper to taste

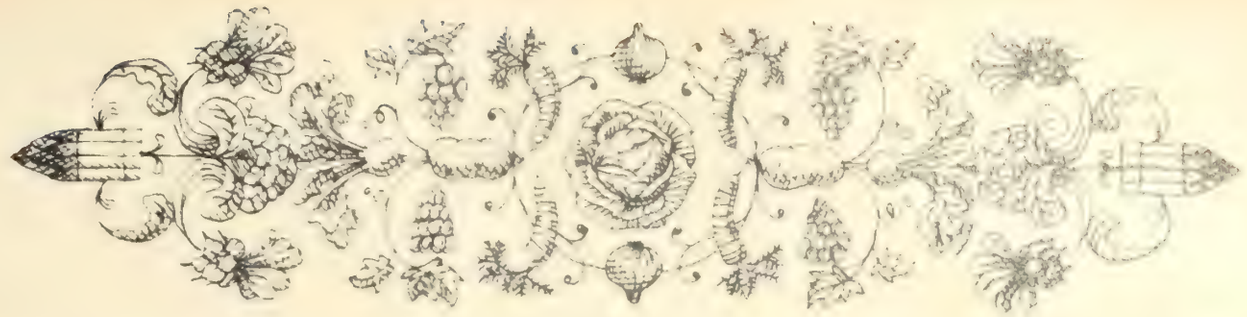
Cook the bacon until crisp in a skillet. Drain off all but 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Add the butter and onion and cook, stirring constantly, until the onion is soft and golden. Add the parsley and potatoes. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are golden. Beat the eggs with the milk and salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture over the potatoes. Stir just enough to incorporate the eggs evenly. Cook over very low heat until the eggs are set. Cut in wedges and serve immediately with a cucumber salad. Serves 3–4.

Potato Soufflé

(Kartoffelauflauf)

2 cups hot mashed potatoes
½ cup hot milk or light cream
½ cup grated Swiss cheese
3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons minced parsley
4 eggs, separated
Salt, pepper to taste

While the mashed potatoes are still hot, beat in the hot milk or cream, cheese, butter and parsley. Beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Beat the egg yolks into the potato mixture and fold in the beaten egg whites. Season with salt and pepper. Pile lightly in a buttered 1½-quart baking dish. Bake in a preheated 400° oven 15–20 minutes, or until puffed and golden on top. Serves 4.



Potato Pancakes

(Kartoffelpuffer)

4 medium to large Idaho potatoes, washed and peeled
Milk
1½ teaspoons salt
2 eggs, well beaten
½ cup cracker crumbs
2 teaspoons grated onion
Vegetable shortening or oil and butter

Grate the potatoes with a medium coarse grater over a bowl. Strain through cheesecloth or through a fine sieve; reserve the liquid. Measure the amount of liquid and add an equal amount of milk to the potatoes. Beat in the salt, eggs, crumbs and onion. Heat the vegetable shortening or equal quantities of oil and butter to a depth of ¼" in a heavy skillet. Drop in about 2 tablespoons of potato mixture for each pancake. Cook, turning only once, until cakes have spread and the edges are lacy. The cakes should be brown and crisp. Serve instead of potatoes with meat, or with hot apple sauce or sour cream as a supper dish. Serves 4–6.

Boiled Potatoes

(Salzkartoffeln)

This is the most common German way of cooking potatoes.

Peel potatoes and cut them into quarters or if very large, cut them into eighths. Cook in rapidly boiling, very heavily salted water until done. Drain. Lower heat and shake—do not stir—potatoes in saucepan over heat until very dry. The potatoes must be extremely dry and mealy.

Red Cabbage

(Feiner Rotkohl)

3 pounds red cabbage
3 tablespoons butter or lard
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon vinegar
½ cup red currant jelly
2 tart apples, peeled, cored and chopped
Salt, pepper to taste

Trim cabbage of tough outer leaves and shred coarsely. Heat the butter in a heavy saucepan. Melt the sugar in the butter, but do not let it brown. Add the shredded cabbage. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes. Add the vinegar and ½ cup water. Simmer covered, stirring frequently, for 2–3 hours, or until very tender. If necessary, add a little more water to prevent scorching. After cabbage has cooked for 1½ hours, stir in the red currant jelly and apples. Season with salt and pepper and finish cooking. The cabbage should be definitely sweet-sour, and it may be necessary to add a little more sugar and/or vinegar to taste. Serves 4–6.

Radish Salad

(Radieschen Salat)

Cut red or white radishes into thin slices. Marinate in French dressing. Drain and sprinkle with chopped parsley before serving. This can be added to potato or vegetable salads to give additional texture as well as flavor.

Meat, Poultry, Game

Pigs' Knuckles with Sauerkraut

(Schweinernes mit Sauerkraut)

3 pounds pigs' knuckles
2 pounds sauerkraut, washed and drained
2 tablespoons caraway seeds
Salt to taste

Combine the pigs' knuckles, sauerkraut and 6 cups water in a deep kettle. Simmer covered for about 3½ hours, or until the meat is tender. Skim as needed. After 2 hours cooking time, add the caraway seeds and salt. Check for moisture: add a little hot water if needed. If too liquid, cook for the last 15 minutes without a cover to let excess moisture evaporate. Serve with Kartoffelkloesse (potato dumplings). Serves 4.

Veal Pot Roast

(Gedaempfter Kalbsbraten)

1½ tablespoons butter
3 pounds boneless rolled shoulder of veal
1 bay leaf
6 medium potatoes, peeled and halved
6 medium fresh carrots, halved
2 tablespoons minced onion
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
3 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon dill seed
½ cup heavy cream or sour cream

Heat the butter and brown the meat on all sides. Place the meat on a rack in a Dutch oven. Add ¾ cup hot water and the bay leaf. Cook covered over low heat for 1½ hours. Add the potatoes and carrots. Top the meat with the onion, salt and pepper. Cover and continue cooking over low heat 30 minutes, or until the meat and vegetables are tender. Remove the meat to a heated serving platter and arrange the vegetables around it. Keep hot. Mix the flour and 3 tablespoons cold water to a smooth paste. Stir into the liquid left in the Dutch oven to make gravy. Blend in the dill seed. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Taste for seasoning. Remove from heat and stir in the cream. Return to heat and heat through thoroughly, but do not boil. Pour a spoonful of gravy over meat on platter. Serve remaining gravy in a sauce boat. Serves 6.

Spareribs with Sauerkraut

(Schweinerippchen mit Sauerkraut)

3–4 pounds meaty spareribs
1 tablespoon butter
1 quart (about 1 pound) sauerkraut
1 medium carrot, grated
2 teaspoons caraway seeds
Salt, freshly ground pepper to taste
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
3 large tart apples, cored and cut in circles
1½ cups dry white wine or water

Cut the spareribs into serving portions. Melt the butter in a skillet and quickly brown the spareribs in it. Wash the sauerkraut under running cold water; squeeze dry with hands. Combine the sauerkraut with the carrot, caraway seeds and salt and pepper. Place half of the mixture in a buttered roasting pan. Cover with half the onion and apples. Top with the browned spareribs. Spoon over the remaining sauerkraut and top with the remaining onion and apples. Pour the wine over everything. Cover tightly. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 1½ hours. Serve with Salzkartoffeln (boiled potatoes), a green salad, pumpernickel bread and beer. Serves 4–6.
Variation: Substitute browned smoked pork chops for spareribs.

The Senator's Chicken

(Huhn nach Senatoren Art)

A recipe from the kitchens of Lufthansa.

4 small chicken breasts, boned
2 cups port wine
2 tablespoons brandy
Salt, pepper
6 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon tarragon vinegar
4 tablespoons pâté de foie gras

Pound the boned chicken breasts with a mallet or underside of a plate until flattened. Put the chicken breasts into a glass, porcelain or earthenware bowl (do not use aluminum). Pour the port and brandy over the chicken. Marinate for 1 hour. Drain the chicken and reserve the marinade. Sprinkle the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Cream 4 tablespoons butter until soft. Beat in the tarragon vinegar. Place 1 tablespoon of the butter mixture on each chicken breast and top with 1 tablespoon pâté de foie gras. Fold over breast to enclose filling and tie with string. Brown the chicken breasts in the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Pour marinade over the chicken and simmer covered for 30 minutes, or until tender, basting occasionally with pan juices.

Remove string, place chicken breasts on a platter and spoon sauce from pan over them. If the sauce appears too thin, cook down to desired consistency after chicken breasts have been removed to a platter. Keep chicken hot while sauce is reducing. Garnish with little mounds of tiny buttered peas and broiled mushrooms. Serves 4.

Pheasants with Sour Cream Sauce

(Fasanen in saurer Sahnensauce)

2 pheasants, disjointed, wing tips cut off
½ small onion, sliced, plus ½ cup minced onion
1 stalk celery, chopped, plus ½ cup minced celery
1 teaspoon salt
1 peppercorns
Flour seasoned with salt and pepper
4 tablespoons butter
¾ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
4 tablespoons flour
1 cup dry white wine
2 cups sour cream

Combine the wing tips, backs and necks of the pheasants with 2 cups water, the onion slices, chopped celery, salt and peppercorns in a saucepan. Simmer covered 20–30 minutes, adding water if necessary to keep the 2-cup amount. Strain and reserve. This stock will be used for the sauce.

Dredge the pheasant pieces in seasoned flour and shake off excess. Heat 2 tablespoons of the butter in a skillet and brown pheasant. Place the pheasant pieces in a buttered casserole. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons butter to skillet and cook the minced celery, onion and mushrooms for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. The onion should be soft, but not browned. Remove the vegetables with a slotted spoon and sprinkle over the pheasant pieces in the casserole. Stir the 4 tablespoons flour into the skillet. Gradually add the 2 cups reserved pheasant stock and the white wine. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in the sour cream. Pour sauce over pheasant pieces in casserole. Bake covered in preheated 350° oven for 1½–2 hours, or until pheasants are tender. Serve with potato pancakes. Serves 4.
Note: 4–6 crushed juniper berries may be added to vegetable mixture.

Sour Pot Roast with Tiny Dumplings

(Sauerbraten mit Spaetzle)

5 pounds pot roast of beef (top, bottom or eye round)
2 large onions
1 quart dry red wine
1 pint wine vinegar
2 bay leaves
10 black peppercorns
6 whole cloves
1 tablespoon sugar
3 fresh pine twigs, about 5" long (optional)
Flour, salt, pepper
2 tablespoons butter
1 large carrot, sliced
¾ cup canned tomatoes
Sour cream (optional)

Put the pot roast in a large porcelain, glass or earthenware container (do not use aluminum). Slice 1 onion. Combine the wine, 1 pint water, wine vinegar, the sliced onion, bay leaves, peppercorns, cloves and sugar. Bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Cool and pour over the meat. Add the pine twigs. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for 2–3 days. Turn meat twice daily.

Remove the meat from the marinade and dry. Strain the marinade and reserve. Rub the meat with flour, salt and pepper. Heat the butter in a large heavy saucepan or Dutch oven. Brown the meat in it on all sides (do not pierce meat with fork; use tongs or 2 spoons to turn). Slice and add the remaining onion, the sliced carrot, tomatoes, 2 cups of the strained marinade and 2 cups water. Simmer covered 2½ hours, or until the meat is tender, turning the meat once or twice. Remove the meat and keep warm while making the sauce.

Thicken the gravy in the usual manner with a little flour mixed with water. If desired, add a little sour cream. Check sauce for seasoning and keep warm. Slice the meat and arrange on a heated serving platter. Pour a little sauce over the meat and serve remaining sauce in a gravy boat. Serve with Spaetzle. Serves 6–8.



Tiny Dumplings

(Spaetzle)

These are a specialty of Southern Germany and a substitute for potatoes. A spaetzle lover may buy little spaetzle machines in hardware stores that specialize in imported housewares. These little machines are designed to snip off the dough automatically.

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
4 eggs, slightly beaten
Melted butter

Sift the flour with the salt and nutmeg. Add the eggs and ¾ cup water. Beat the batter until it forms a thick, smooth dough. Let stand 30 minutes. Dampen the end of a small cutting board. Put ¾ cup dough on it and smooth a small amount with a spatula. Hold cutting board over a large saucepan of boiling salted water. Cut off small amounts of dough with a sharp knife and let them fall into the water. Repeat process until all dough is used. Wet knife frequently to prevent sticking. If dough gets too thin, add flour. Cook spaetzle about 5 minutes, or until tender. Lift out with a slotted spoon and drain on a clean kitchen towel. Keep warm. To serve, arrange the spaetzle in a warmed serving dish and trickle melted butter over them. Serves 4–6.

Veal Cutlet Garni

(Schnitzel à la Holstein)

A specialty of Northern Germany and a more interesting and piquant version of the Wiener Schnitzel.

4 veal cutlets
6 eggs
Flour seasoned with salt and pepper
Fine dry bread crumbs
Salad oil
Butter
8 anchovy fillets
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
Capers, lemon wedges, pickles

Beat the veal cutlets with the back of a plate to slightly flatten them, or ask your butcher to do so. Slightly beat 2 of the eggs. Dip the cutlets into the seasoned flour, then into the beaten eggs, then into bread crumbs, coating evenly. Shake off excess bread crumbs. If at all possible, refrigerate for 30 minutes. Melt salad oil and butter to a depth of ½" in a large skillet. When just below the smoking point, add the cutlets. Sauté on both sides until brown and tender—about 10–15 minutes in all. Drain the cutlets on absorbent paper, arrange on a hot platter and keep warm.

Fry the remaining 4 eggs in butter. Top each cutlet with a fried egg. Crisscross each egg with 2 anchovy fillets. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and a few capers. Garnish with lemon wedges and pickles. Serve with home-fried potatoes. Serves 4.

Pork Roast Luebeck

(Schweinebraten nach Luebecker Art)

A recipe from Northern Germany, where much red wine is used in cooking.

4–5-pound loin of pork or other lean pork roast, trimmed of excess fat
2 large onions, sliced
2 carrots, sliced
2 stalks celery, sliced
6 bay leaves
6 juniper berries, crushed
6 whole peppercorns
Good quality dry red wine
⅓ cup butter
Salt

Place the pork in a deep bowl (do not use aluminum). Top the meat with the onions, carrots, celery, bay leaves, juniper berries and peppercorns. Add enough dry red wine to cover. Store in a cool place or refrigerate for 24–36 hours. Drain the pork, wipe off and pat dry. Strain the marinade and reserve. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven and brown the pork on all sides. Pour off the butter and add about 1 cup of the marinade and salt to taste. Cover tightly.

Simmer over very low flame about 30–40 minutes to the pound, or until meat thermometer registers 185°. Check for moisture during cooking. If necessary, add a little more of the marinade. Remove to hot serving platter and slice. Make cream gravy with the pan drippings in the usual manner and pour a little over the sliced meat. Serve remaining gravy separately. Surround meat with little mounds of buttered green peas and cauliflowerets and garnish with parsley and tomato slices. Serve with Salzkartoffeln (boiled potatoes). Serves 6.

Veal Cutlet with Asparagus and Lobster Sauce

(Kalbskotelett mit Spargel und Hummersauce)

1 pound veal steak, ¾" thick
Salt, freshly ground pepper
2 egg yolks, beaten
⅔ cup fresh mushrooms, finely minced
Dry bread crumbs
5 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon flour
Freshly ground white pepper, to taste
½ teaspoon sugar
1 cup light cream
1 cup cooked chopped lobster
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons dry sherry
12 asparagus tips, cooked (preferably the white, imported canned asparagus)
Watercress

Cut the veal into 3 serving portions. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dip into the beaten egg yolks, mushrooms and bread crumbs. Heat 3 tablespoons butter in a skillet until it foams and brown the meat on all sides. Reduce heat and cook for 20 minutes, or until veal is tender.

Meanwhile prepare lobster sauce. Melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Stir in the flour, 1 teaspoon salt, white pepper and the sugar. Gradually add the cream. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Add the lobster and heat through thoroughly. Beat together the lemon juice, egg yolk and sherry. Remove the sauce from heat and stir in lemon-sherry mixture. Return to low heat just long enough to heat through. Do not boil.

Place veal on heated platter and top each serving with 4 asparagus tips. Cover with lobster sauce and garnish with watercress. Serves 3.
Note: Lobster sauce may also be used for fish, seafood and hard-cooked eggs.

Rabbit or Hare in Sweet-Sour Sauce

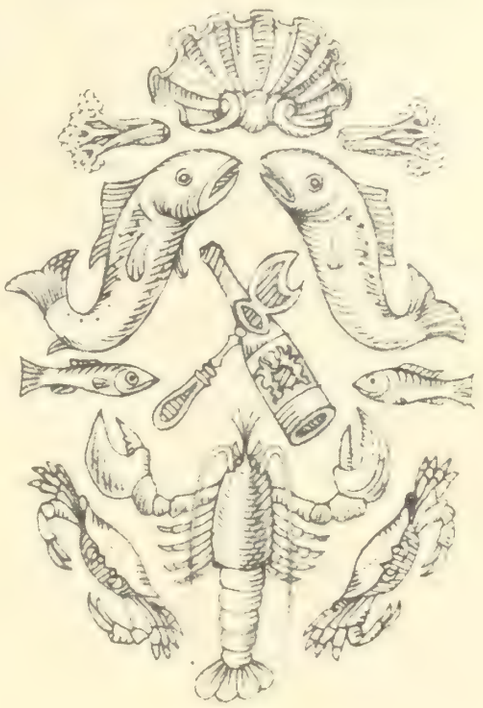
(Hasen Suesssauer)

3-pound rabbit or hare, cut into serving pieces
1 cup cider vinegar
1 cup dry white wine
2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons whole juniper berries, crushed
1 medium onion, sliced
1 carrot, chopped
3 slices bacon, diced
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon sugar
3 tablespoons flour
3 gingersnaps, crumbled
½ cup sour cream

Wash the rabbit pieces in cold running water, remove the excess skin and wash again. Dry on paper towels. Put the rabbit pieces in a large, deep glass, earthenware or stainless steel bowl (do not use aluminum). Make a marinade with 2 cups water, the vinegar, wine, salt, pepper, juniper berries, onion and carrot. Pour over the rabbit pieces to cover. Refrigerate for 2–3 days, turning pieces daily. Remove the rabbit from the marinade and dry on paper towels. Strain the marinade and measure 2 cups. Cook the bacon in a Dutch oven until transparent. Add the butter and brown the rabbit on all sides in the fat. Add 1 cup of the marinade and simmer covered over low heat for 1 hour.

Sprinkle with the sugar and flour. Gradually stir in remaining 1 cup marinade and the gingersnaps. Simmer covered, stirring frequently, for 20 minutes. Stir in the sour cream and simmer for 10 minutes. Check seasoning; if necessary, add salt and pepper. Serve with hot buttered noodles sprinkled with caraway seeds. Serves 4.

Fish



Broiled Salmon

(Rheinlachs vom Grill)

2 pounds salmon, center cut, in one piece
Salt, pepper
Juice of 2 lemons
¼ cup olive oil
1 large onion, sliced

Wash and dry fish and cut into strips 3" long and 1" wide. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, the lemon juice and olive oil. Top with the onion slices. Refrigerate covered for 2 hours. Remove onion slices. Broil fish for about 5–8 minutes on each side, turning only once. Serve with mayonnaise, boiled potatoes and cucumber salad. Serves 4–6.

Quick Crab Meat Salad

(Schneller Krabbensalat)

2 cups cooked or canned crab meat, flaked
1 cup drained canned pineapple, cut in ¼" dice
½ cup minced celery, white part only
¾ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup heavy cream, whipped
Juice and grated rind of 1 orange
Salt, pepper to taste
4–6 oranges, depending on size
Watercress

Combine the crab meat, pineapple, celery, mayonnaise, whipped cream, orange juice and rind. Mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Cut tops off oranges and remove pulp, leaving shell clean white inside. Cut a thin slice from the bottom of each orange shell so that it will stand upright. Arrange watercress on individual plates or 1 large serving dish. Set orange shells on watercress and fill with the crab meat mixture. Chill before serving. Serves 4–6.

Crabs Boiled in Dill Water

(Krebse in Dill)

1 cup fresh chopped dill weed
½ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
3 cups dry white wine
3 cups chicken or bland beef broth
1 teaspoon caraway seeds
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Whole crabs, prepared for cooking

Combine the dill weed and chopped onion. Heat the butter in a large saucepan and sauté the dill and onion mixture for 3 minutes. Add all the remaining ingredients except the crabs. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer covered for 10 minutes. Add the crabs, one, two or more at a time, depending on size. The crabs should be completely covered by the liquid and not touching. Simmer covered for 8–10 minutes, depending on size. Pour into a tureen and serve.
Note: If a large number of crabs are to be cooked, cook a few at a time, remove and keep warm while cooking the remaining crabs.

Herring Snack

(Katerfruehstueck)

Served at the end of a "Herrenabend" or stag party, at which gentlemen discuss business and politics with good food and wine.

8 salt herring, skinned, boned and sliced in half lengthwise
3 cups milk
3 medium onions, thinly sliced
1 cup cider vinegar
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon pepper

Soak the herring overnight in the milk (this will make them glossy). Drain the herring, rinse in cold water and cut in ½" pieces. Place alternate layers of herring and onion in a deep bowl (do not use aluminum). Combine the vinegar, 1 cup water, sugar and pepper and pour over the herring. The herring should be barely covered. Refrigerate for 2–4 hours. Serve with pumpernickel bread and sweet butter or with Salzkartoffeln (boiled potatoes) and Mustard Sauce. Serves 4–6.

Mustard Sauce

(Senfsauce)

1 hard-cooked egg yolk
1 raw egg yolk
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
2 tablespoons white vinegar
Salt, pepper to taste
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine all the ingredients except the whipped cream and blend thoroughly. Fold the whipped cream into the mixture. Serve immediately with fish or seafood. Makes about 1 cup.

Desserts. Cakes

Currant Ice

(Johannisbeer Eis)

1 quart fresh currants, washed and stems removed
1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
1 cup sugar
Juice of ½ lemon
⅛ teaspoon salt

Set refrigerator control to coldest setting. Put the currants and 2 cups of water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then simmer 5 minutes, or until the currants are soft. Force through a fine sieve. Sprinkle gelatin on ¼ cup water and let stand 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Bring the sieved currants to a boil and pour over the gelatin mixture. Stir until the gelatin and sugar are completely dissolved. Cool and freeze in a refrigerator tray until firm, but not frozen hard. Put in a cold bowl and beat with rotary beater until fluffy. Return to tray and freeze again. Serves 6.

Hazelnut Torte

(Haselnuss Torte)

½ cup butter
½ cup sugar
8 eggs, separated
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
1 cup toasted hazelnuts, ground
2 cups heavy cream, whipped, sweetened to taste

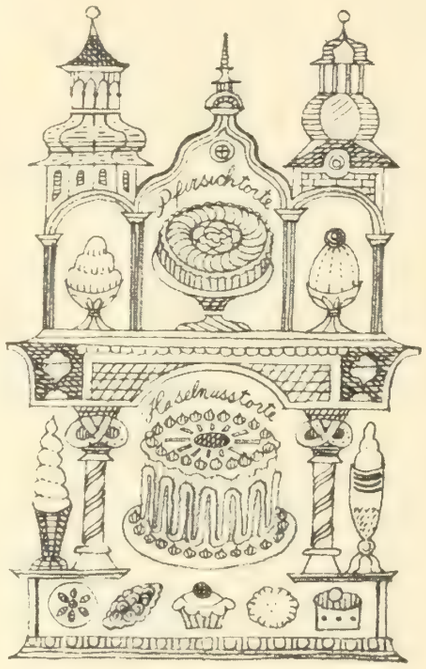
Cream the butter until soft. Add the sugar and beat well. Beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition, until the mixture is thick and lemon colored (it is best to use an electric beater). Melt the chocolate over hot water. Stir the chocolate into the egg mixture. Beat in the lemon rind, bread crumbs and ½ cup of the hazelnuts. Beat the egg whites until very stiff and fold into the batter. Grease three 8" layer-cake pans and line the bottoms with wax paper. Spread batter evenly in the pans. Bake in a preheated 325° oven about 30 minutes, or until a light touch with the finger leaves no depression in the dough. Turn out on a wire rack and cool. Do not remove wax paper until ready to frost. Fill and frost with the whipped cream. Sprinkle with the remaining hazelnuts. Serves 8–10.

Peach Cake

(Feine Pfirsich Torte)

1¼ cups flour
2 egg yolks
Sugar
Grated rind of 1 lemon
½ cup butter, softened and cut up small
½ cup ground filberts or unblanched almonds
6 cups (approximately) sliced peaches
½ teaspoon ground ginger (optional)
½ cup heavy cream

Sift the flour into a large bowl and make a well in the middle. Put 1 egg yolk, 1 tablespoon sugar, the lemon rind and butter into the well. Stir together with a fork. Work the dough with your hands until all the ingredients are blended and the dough is smooth. Pat the dough with your fingers into the bottom and sides of a 9" pie plate. Chill for at least 2 hours. Sprinkle bottom of the dough evenly with the ground nuts. (This will keep the cake from becoming soggy with peach juice.) Arrange the peach slices in slightly overlapping circles on top of the nuts. Sprinkle with ⅓–½ cup sugar (depending on the sweetness of the fruit) and the ginger if desired. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10 minutes. Beat together the remaining egg yolk and the cream. Dribble over the peaches. Continue baking about 15–20 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown. Serve warm. Serves 6–8.



Raspberry Trifle

(Plettenpudding)

This rich dessert was the high point of the dinner party in the opening chapters of Thomas Mann's saga of the Buddenbrook family. Consul Buddenbrook served it with little glasses of sweet white Malmsey or Madeira wine.

3 eggs
¼ cup sugar
2 cups light cream, scalded
½ teaspoon almond extract
4 ounces sponge cake cut into fingers, or lady fingers
½ cup raspberry jam
4 ounces almond macaroons, coarsely crumbled
¼ cup sweet sherry
1½ cups fresh raspberries or drained frozen raspberries
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Beat the eggs until frothy in the top of a double boiler. Beat in the sugar. Stir in the scalded light cream gradually. Cook over hot, not boiling, water, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and coats a silver spoon. Remove from heat and stir in the almond extract. Cool.

Line a crystal serving dish with the sponge or lady fingers. Top with the jam. Top the jam with the macaroon crumbs. Pour the sherry over the crumbs and let stand for 15 minutes.

Pour the cooled custard over all. Top with 1 cup of the raspberries and spread with the whipped cream. Decorate with the remaining berries. Chill thoroughly before serving. Serves 6.

Lemon Cream

(Zitronencrème, Fein)

3 eggs, separated
1 cup sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
Juice of 2 lemons
Juice of 1 small orange
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Beat the egg yolks and sugar until thick and lemon colored. Soften the gelatin in ½ cup cold water, dissolve over hot water and stir into the egg mixture. Add the lemon juice, orange juice and grated lemon and orange rinds. Mix well. Chill until the mixture begins to thicken, resembling unbeaten egg white. Beat the egg whites until they stand in stiff peaks. Fold the whipped cream and lastly the beaten egg whites into the lemon-egg mixture. Pour into a glass or silver serving dish and chill until set. Serves 4.

Bee's Sting Coffee Cake

(Bienenstich)

½ cup sweet butter
1½ cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons milk
1 cup blanched slivered almonds
½ pound farmer's cheese
½ cup vegetable oil
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
3½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder

Melt the butter and stir in 1 cup sugar, the vanilla, 2 tablespoons milk and the blanched slivered almonds. Cook over slow heat, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to bubble. Cool this topping.

Meanwhile press the farmer's cheese through a sieve. Beat in the remaining ½ cup milk, oil, remaining ½ cup sugar, salt and lemon rind. Sift the flour with the baking powder and blend into the cheese mixture. Roll out the dough ¼" thick on a lighty floured baking board. Place in a lightly greased and floured 15½ by 10½ by 1-inch jelly-roll pan. Spread the cooled topping evenly over the dough. Bake in a preheated 350° oven about 20 minutes, or until the cake is golden brown. Cut into squares to serve.

Peach and Raspberry Compote

(Pfirsich und Himbeer Kompott)

¾ cup sugar
1 cup water
2 slices fresh lemon
3 cups peeled, sliced fresh peaches
1 cup fresh raspberries

Combine the sugar, water and lemon slices in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add the peaches and simmer covered over low heat 5 minutes, or until peaches are tender. Remove from heat. Remove peaches from syrup with a slotted spoon and put in a glass serving dish. While the syrup is still warm, but off the heat, add the raspberries. This will cook them slightly. Pour the raspberries over the peaches and remove the lemon slices. Chill before serving. Serves 4–6.

The notes of a happy housekeeper



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February always seems like the apex of winter to me. December goes quickly because there's so much excitement in the air, and during January the winter weather is still a fresh topic. But by early February comes the settling-in. It's no longer exciting when the first snowflakes begin to fall—in our part of the country, snowstorms have become a way of life. This time, you know it will be a good one by casting a newly retrained eye on the leaden sky. Your suspicions confirmed by the radio reports, you check the big pantry cupboard and the freezer and make sure they are both comfortably stocked with food. The snow comes down in the darkening afternoon, turning the familiar, everyday neighborhood into a thing of unbelievable beauty. By bedtime, it's still snowing, and a check of the back porch shows that at least 3 inches have fallen since 5 o'clock. Now there are heavy snow warnings being broadcast, and you can almost hear the happy voices in the morning when the report announces that all the schools are closed.

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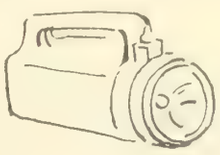
Last week when I was doing some odd jobs in the kitchen, I cleaned the glass storm door with the newly improved Windex. The wonders it did on the door were just in time to greet an unexpectedly brilliant day, and the sun streamed in through the bright clean glass for hours, more than repaying me for the small effort of wiping off the accumulation of dirt and splashes. "Hi Speed" Windex comes with a spray top in the tall bottle conveniently shaped to fit your hand.

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Nothing is more welcome these gray days than a warm, cheery note of color in the house. Today when I opened the refrigerator and found there a bright array of oranges and lemons, I decided to move them to our best blue Canton bowl and put it in the middle of the kitchen table. It looks, to my winter-filled eyes, as handsome as a Van Gogh.

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When Tom had the cars winterized last fall, I added a few touches of my own that were inspired by one horrendous day last winter. I was on the last lap of the car pool route, late in the afternoon. Taking a short cut (mistake No. 1) down a narrow country road, we suddenly slid on some ice and landed in a snow bank, where we stuck fast. I struggled and struggled to get us out, but without success, so finally the children and I had to pile out of the car and walk down the road to a farmhouse to call a tow car. By the time we got back to the car, the children were cross and tearful, and my hands were freezing cold because my gloves had gotten wet in my futile attempts to scoop the snow away from the wheels. The whole mishap was made even more mournful by the early darkness. So next day I stashed away in the glove compartment, with the snow scraper and whisk broom, an extra pair of gloves and a good flashlight. When I say good, I really mean ideal. This flashlight, made by Ray-O-Vac, is inexpensive, waterproof,



and operates on a long-lasting lantern-type of battery that throws out a strong bright light. It is shaped so that it can sit on its own flat base if you are busy with both hands. We also added, in the back of the station wagon, a shovel and two 50-pound sacks of sand to weight the back end for extra traction, and to use if we have to get out of a slippery spot. And, if we don't have to use the sand, it can go right in the garden in April.



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America's choice of Italian wines

With a few exceptions, the full range of Italian wines can be found in the United States, although some of the most distinguished, such as Barolo, Grignolino, Lambrusco, Prosecco, Dolcetto and Vin Santo, are imported in such small quantities that it seems improbable they are widely known. Mainly in short supply are the Piedmontese wines. These are the most robust and the most similar to French wines. Barolo and Dolcetto have something in common with a Burgundy, Barbaresco with a St. Emilion, Barbera and Freisa with a Beaujolais and Carema with a Médoc. A Piedmontese Gattinara is, to my taste, Italy's best wine, rivaled only by a crusty vintage Chianti or Barolo. It is a rich, dry, masculine red wine, equally satisfying with roast beef or apple pie.

Piedmont is also noted for its white wines. Cortese is the finest: It is a fresh, dry and fairly alcoholic wine. Piedmontese "champagnes" are famous—the French drink well over two million bottles a year. The bulk of these sparkling Asti Spumante, as they are called, are *amabile*, but there is also plenty of *brut* to be found. An Asti Spumante is more full-bodied than a French champagne. I find the Cinzano brut excellent taken chilled but not iced or, as a cocktail, well iced, with the addition of a little dry cognac and a drop or two of Angostura.

Lombardy wines are more chic and less rumbustious than those of Piedmont. Three classic wines to remember from the hilly Valtellina district are Sassella, Grumello and Inferno—I would choose them to go with fine cooking, an omelet or a game bird. From the Lombardy plains comes Frecciarossa, red and white, both sound table wines. The white from Lake Garda, called Bianco Lugana, is excellent, especially if aged a little.

Following the line of the Alps to the East, you reach the Italian Tyrol provinces of Trento and Bolzano, both of which are very much influenced by Austria. This can be observed not only in the Gothic style of their labels and bottles, but also in the contents. Here you find the white and gray Pinots—smooth, elegant white wines reminiscent of more northern climes; the Rhine Riesling, redolent of crisp mountain air; the white Terlano with its perfume of Alpine flowers, and the ruby-red Santa Maddalena which has so exotic a bouquet that you would not be surprised if it came from Tibet.

Moving south and east you come to the Veneto, the home of at least ten of Italy's fine wines. This region is commercially most vigorous because it has the Swiss, German and Austrian markets close at hand. Bardolino, its best known red wine, is sprightly and sharp, much in the class with a young Chianti. Valpolicella and the Valpantena wines are stronger, smoother, of a darker ruby-red. The famous Soave wines also come from here, but far less known are the Merlots—red wines of a most elegant character, neither too delicate nor too lively, but dry and rounded, much like a Burgundy. Then there are the strong, yet smooth Recioto "Cantina del Nonno" red wines, the white Prosecco which is mostly slightly sweet and brilliantly sparkling (although it is also made dry), the animated Tocai and one which I discovered at the Enoteca—Retico, a full-blooded effervescent dessert wine made by the Bolla Brothers.

Those names in no way exhaust the production of the Veneto, but in the cause of brevity let us move on to the Emilia-Romagna where the favored drink is Lambrusco. This is the perfect wine to take with pork, roast duck or a goose—or just a plate of fried sausage. It is a brisk, sparkling, heady wine that cuts into fat foods in a way that no other wine does and clears the palate for more. Albana and Sangiovese are two other distinguished wines from here, the former delicate and white, the latter red and tangy. The Verdicchio of The Marches to the south, a light table wine of international repute, is especially well-balanced when aged a little and drunk not overly chilled.

Tuscany is the home of Chianti. The U. S. imports over six million bottles or flasks of Chianti, which makes it Italy's major wine export and the yardstick by which Italy's wines stand or fall. This is a pity, because, although the average Chianti in its raffia-covered flask is an upright, cheerful young wine, it is designed to be drunk and not kept, enjoyed and not pondered over. It is not comparable to the finer Piedmontese wines or to a Grumello or a Merlot. However, the Reserve Chiantis, which are first aged in barrels and then in the bottle, are a very different story. They make up less than 10 per cent of Tuscany's Chianti production and they reach an austere nobility. In Rome today the retail price of a 1923 Brolio Chianti is about $13—well up in the price range of France's châteaux wines.

Technically speaking, there is no such thing as a white Chianti, although certain white Tuscan wines are labeled Chianti Bianco, but there are two wonderful wines which might well be called so—Ricasoli's Arbia and the Frescobaldi Nipozzano. There are also other white wines of a very different nature. Antinori produces a fine dry Tuscan "champagne," and there are two famous dessert wines—Moscadello and Vin Santo. The wine list of Tuscany is unending, but I shall only make mention of four more: the full-bodied Vino Nobile of Montepulciano, the equally aristocratic Brunello di Montalcino and the sweet white wines of Elba and Portoferraio.

From here south there are no great red wines, but many fine whites. Orvieto producers now have a reputation for a remarkably high standard of wine on all the technical counts of color, clarity, bouquet and taste at a very reasonable price.

The Roman Castelli have their Frascati and Marino wines, both of which are surprisingly well represented in the U. S. (disproportionately well, from the Italian standpoint). The Roman wines are looked upon affectionately, but considered capricious travelers and far from noble.

The whole of the South, in particular Sicily and Apulia, has enormous hot and dry wine-growing areas, yet there are very few famous names outside the Capri, Ischia and Lacrima Cristi of the Naples district. Sicily is still disorganized in its production except for the Marsalas. The wine growers of Apulia, on the other hand, function on a quasi-industrial scale, producing the immense quantities of wine which make the vermouths of Turin and the rich unbranded wines of high alcoholic content used to blend with those paler ones from northern provinces to give them body.

I am not saying there are no excellent dry tables wines in the South—there are. However, it is my feeling that these are best found in the North, and that Apulia and Sicily excel in dessert wines, the Moscato, Aleatico and Malvasia. These are made from sweet grapes, often *passito*—that is to say, left in the sun for a week so that they produce an even stronger and sweeter product.

Only in the last year or two have the wine-lovers of Italy been making the acquaintance of Sardinian wines. Sardinia has always produced full-bodied, strong wines, but they have been and still are sold mostly in bulk. The president of the Enoteca told me that the eyes of Italians and foreigners alike light up with enthusiasm on sipping these unusual wines, and they all notice their close affinity with those of Spain and Portugal. The Enoteca has already admitted forty-five Sardinian wines, and there is little doubt that many more will be accepted when, in due course, they are presented. The Anghelu Ruju red is a port-like wine of pronounced personality; Nasco, Monica and Girò are generous, velvety dessert wines; a good Oristano Vernaccia has the smooth dryness of a sherry. The white Dorato di Sorso is a subtle, pellucid liquid which I find makes a delightful light apéritif, and Nuragus, the wine of Cagliari that is now coming on the Italian market, is a fresh dry table wine with a delicate bouquet and a surprising alcoholic content: it is impressing everybody with its robust character. Cannonau di Sorso is also a strong, red table wine, which becomes a sweet dessert wine when aged in the cask and, as with Southern Italy and Sicily, all the Moscatos and Malvasias are memorable.

My own yardstick when looking for a good wine is to steer clear of that which seems to be in too abundant supply and to choose from the reserve vintages or from one of the areas where the wines have a very pronounced characteristic. Now that I have the Siena Enoteca's list of wines, I feel even more sure of the years of great



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vintages and the names of the producers I have learned to trust. In the list I have prepared *below*, the name of the wine is followed by the name and location of the producer of my choice, all of whom are exporters approved by the I. C. E.

Aged red wines

The following wines are best drunk with game (including hare and duck), turkey, game patés, steaks, goulashes, curries, barbecued meats, highly seasoned sausages and, of course, roast beef. Also as an accompaniment to a truffled fondue and to strong cheeses such as Gorgonzola, Stilton, Roquefort.

BAROLO, BARBARESCO, GRIGNOLINO: Tenimenti di Fontanafredda (Cuneo)*; Cantina Marchesi Barolo (Cuneo)*.

GATTINARA: Luigi Nervi (Gattinara, Vercelli).

INFERNO, GRUMELLO, SASSELLA: Nino Negri (Sondrio)*.

MERLOT: S.F.A.I. Tenuta S. Margherita Portogruara (Venice); S.A.C.T.A. Angoris (Cormons, Gorizia)*.

RECIOTO "AMARONE": Bolla (Verona)*.

CLASSIC CHIANTI (reserve bottles, dated and numbered with the rooster label at the neck): Antinori (Florence)*; Frescobaldi (Florence)*; Melini (Pontassieve)*; Ricasoli, producer of "Brolio," (Florence)*; Bertolli (Lucca)*; Serristori (Florence); Ruffino (Pontassieve)*.

Young red wines

These are everyday wines that can be served with the foods mentioned under "aged reds," but are specially recommended for all pasta and rice dishes, shellfish in Creole style, the whole gamut of roast and fried chicken and other fowl, chops, hamburgers, cutlets, boiled beef, pizzas, ham, frankfurters and any dishes with a flavoring or sauce of cheese, bacon, tomato or red peppers.

CHIANTI: in flasks, younger wines by the same producers of the Reserve Chiantis.

BARDOLINO, VALPOLICELLA, VALPANTENA: Bolla (Verona)*; Folonari (Brescia)*; Bertani (Verona).

LAMBRUSCO: Chiarli (Modena)*.

SANTA MADDALENA, LAGO DI CALDARO: Kettmeir (Bolzano); Mumelter (Bolzano).

White wines

Many people stick to white wines for preference, irrespective of the food they are eating. On the whole, however, whites (and rosé wines) go best with hors d'oeuvres, flans, soufflés, all fish, seafood, egg and low-fat cheese dishes, salads, boiled fowl, vol-au-vent, croquettes, food with a cream sauce, pork, liver and tongue. Some white wines, preferably those which are very smooth and alcoholic, make a pleasing apéritif, but this is a matter of personal taste.

SOAVE: Bertani (Verona); Bolla (Verona)*; Folonari (Brescia)*.

ARBIA: Ricasoli (Florence)*.

ORVIETO: Bigi (Orvieto)*; Antinori (Florence)*; Petrurbani (Orvieto); Conte Vaselli (Castiglione in Teverina, Viterbo).

PINOT GRIGIO: S.F.A.I. Tenuta S. Margherita Portogruaro (Venice); Cantina Sociale S. Donà di Piave (Venice).

TOCAI: D'Attimis, Buttrio (Udine).

FRASCATI, MARINO: OR. FE. VI (Roma)*; Fontana Candida (Frascati); Cantina Sociale Marino (Ciampino-Roma)*.

CORTESE: Giuseppe Contratto (Canelli, Asti); Bonardi (Alba, Cuneo).

Sparkling white wines

In Italy, champagne is called "*spumante*." A *spumante brut* can be served throughout a meal or with dessert. It can be used in cooking, for poaching chicken breasts in Bologna style or added to a fruit cup. Asti spumante—a sweet wine—is less versatile and is best served with dessert. Prosecco di Conegliano by Carpenè of Treviso is less sweet and more adaptable.

DRY SPUMANTE: Spumante Brut Champenois (Carpenè Malvolti, Treviso)*; Spumante Riserva Principe di Piemonte* and Spumante Brut (Cinzano, Turin); Gran Cremant Nature Brut (Gancia, Turin)*; Riserva Spumante Montelera (Martini e Rossi, Turin)*; Spumante Gran Nature (Antinori, Florence)*; Spumante Brut (Giulio Ferrari, Trento).

ASTI SPUMANTE: by Gancia, Cinzano, Martini e Rossi and Cora—all of Turin.

Dessert wines

These are best served with ice creams, puff pastry, sweet mousses, cheesecake, fruit salads and dried and candied fruit. They go well with fruitcake, tarts, shortbread and pastries that are not overly sweet.

MARSALA: Florio*; Pellegrino; Diego Rallo (Marsala, Sicily).

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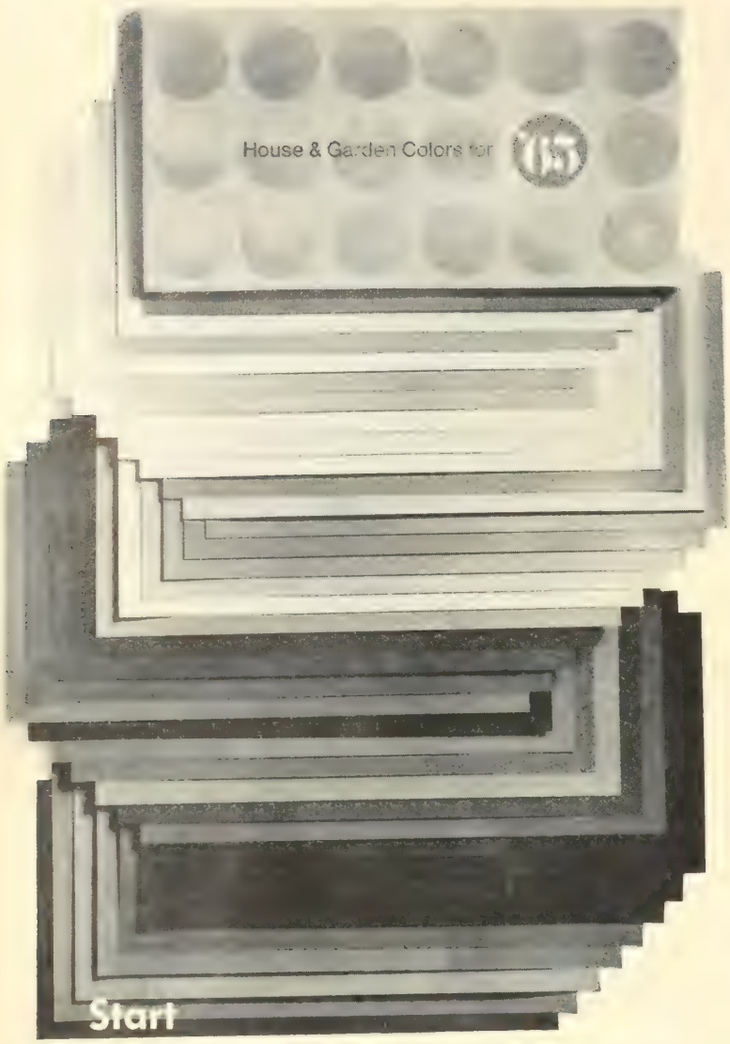
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Dodge station. You can barely discern Marshal Dillon, Kitty and Doc in the shadows before the Long Branch saloon up the shadowy street. There is no sound, nobody at the trim, neatly painted depot. (It hasn't changed a bit, really, except now, and at night, there are electric lights and no dust.)

You awake at Kansas City, Mo., finish breakfast, greet the lady of the scrambled eggs and strawberry sundae, and ascend to the Astra-Dome (or is it Vista-Dome?) as the train pulls into Fort Madison, Iowa, where your fountain pen (Sheaffer) overflows with nostalgia (figurative) at its proximity to home. (The Sheaffer sign is the biggest one in town.) The country is big now, and empty, but beautiful in the morning sun. It occurs to you that you saw more cattle from the helicopter in the pens between Disneyland and Los Angeles day before yesterday than you have seen since. Incidentally, most white-faced Herefords have yellow faces.

After leaving the stunningly huge and handsome railroad shops at Shopton, Iowa, you push quickly among the backyards of Illinois. When last you came this way (was it twenty years ago?), each neat yard had its stack of cordwood among the many outbuildings. Now there are fewer outbuildings and no cordwood—only fuel oil tanks on a variety of stilts, trestles, brackets and platforms. Some of the tanks even rest insolently on what once could only have been sawbucks.

Last lunch. This time your own waiter, two of his colleagues and the chief steward all admonish one another to be sure your Martini glass contains no fruit (the first one had come to the table the day before with a pair of olives swimming in each other's oil). The drink tasted better because of this hospitable familiarity with your predilection.

There is just time (time—that again?) to close your bags and to stuff into the waste receptacle a pair of beautifully polished shoes (every night, in the magic cupboard over the washbasin over the toilet) you had meant to discard long since, now that the soles had finally parted from the uppers. You and your bag are then dumped unceremoniously among the weeds a full quarter mile from the passenger shed of Chicago's Dearborn Station. (At their worst, the airlines do better by your bags than this.) You stagger to a telephone booth to check your final reservations on to New York. As you wait for your call, a gentle little man in a gray uniform taps on the door and holds up a pair of shoes. In mingled admiration (for his detective work in locating you in all the station clutter) and chagrin (that you must point out the places where the shoes have come adrift) you finally induce him, with the aid of a coin, to carry them away again.

By now your number has answered and you have unceremoniously hung up and must dial again. So it has cost you a total of sixty cents to discard a pair of shoes on the Santa Fe Railroad. On the whole, you decide, the trip is worth it.

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Dancing Lights

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Crystal candlesticks, 8" h., $67.50 ea.; ball and stand, 11" h., $35; cubes, pyramids, octagonal paperweights, $30 ea.; faceted paperweights, $8 ea.; 10" dinner plate, $27.50; "Faneuil" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $48.75; "Regency" goblet, $3.75; wineglass, $2.75. All at Tiffany & Co., 727 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Muslin napkin with scroll embroidery at edge, $1.50. By Craig Creations, available at Lord & Taylor, 38th & Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10018.
"Classic" candles, 12" h., box of 4, $1.25. Colonial Candle Company of Cape Cod, Inc.

Page 113, *top:*
Tablecloth, Swiss tambour with Moss stitch, 86" round, $69.50; napkins, $1.50 ea. By Ottavia, at Lord & Taylor.
Wrought-iron candelabras with glass pendants, 22" h., designed by Erik Hoglund, $82.50 ea. Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
"Classic" candles, 15" h., box of 4, $1.50. Colonial Candle Co.
Wrought-iron oval basket, 21" l., 13" w., 4" h., made in Spain, $30. Accents Today, 123 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
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"Joan of Arc" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $44.75. International Silver.
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"Joan of Arc" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $44.75. International Silver Co.
White Limoges 10" plates, $5 ea. Mayhew, 603 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
"Regency" goblets, $3.75 ea.; wineglasses, $2.75 ea. By Bryce, available at Tiffany & Co.
Muslin napkins with scroll embroidery at edge, $1.50 ea. By Craig Creations, available at Lord & Taylor.

Page 114, *bottom:*
Lalique crystal rivière "Feston," 4 straight sections, each 8" l., 3¾" w., 2" h., $22 ea.; 4 curved sections, each 2" h., $22 ea. "Chinon" crystal goblets, $15.25 ea.; wineglasses, $11.25 ea. Available at Cardel Ltd., 615 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
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Linen napkins, $7.50 doz. Mosse Linens, 52 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.

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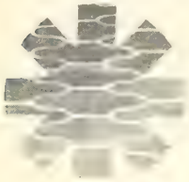
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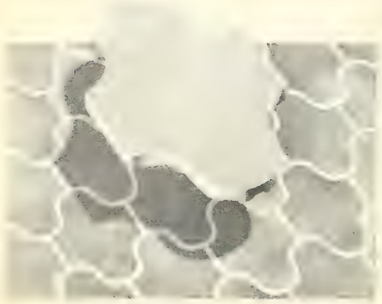
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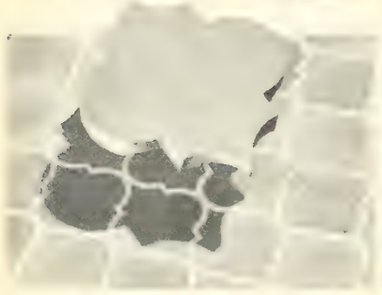
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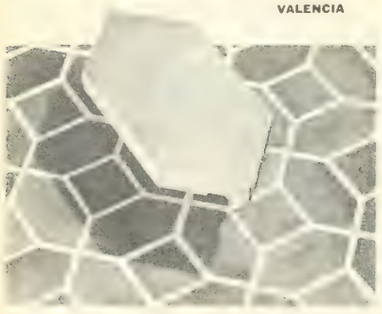
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The bedrooms of the two Browne boys are nearly identical—each a pleasurable, contained world with a work counter for studying or hobbies, an extra bed where a friend can spend the night



Nine-year-old Gardner's room has a color scheme of autumn browns, yellows, a little red. Twin beds are skirted and upholstered in a print of old automobiles—a particular passion of young Gardner's. Quilted bedspreads shed wrinkles quickly after an onslaught of roughhousing. In both boys' rooms curtains are a simple fall of tweedy beige linen.



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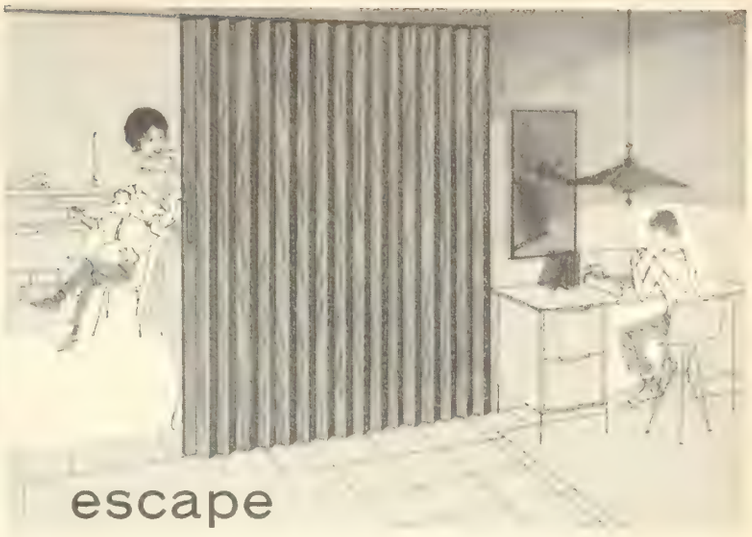
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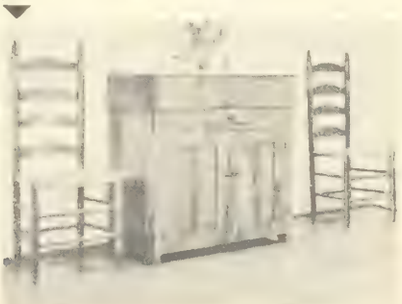
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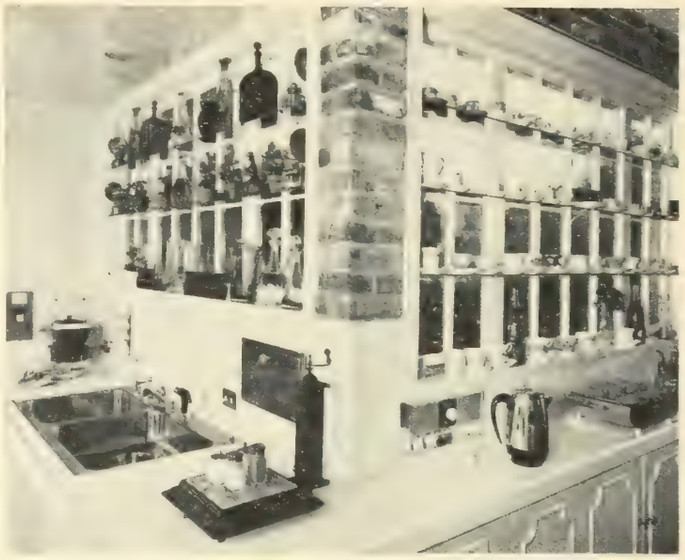
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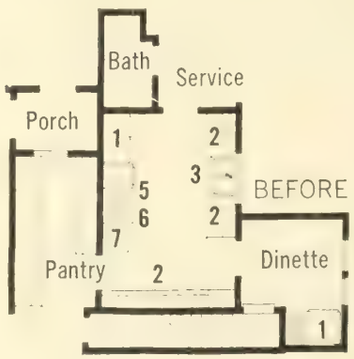
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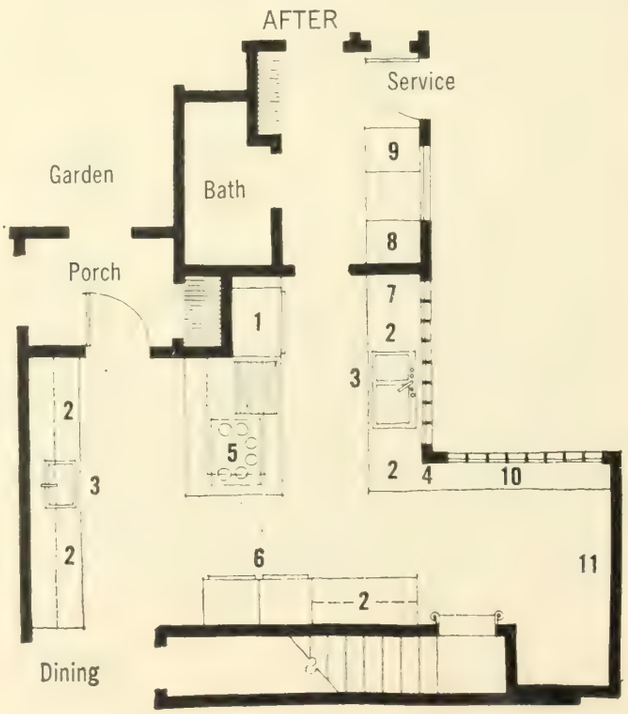


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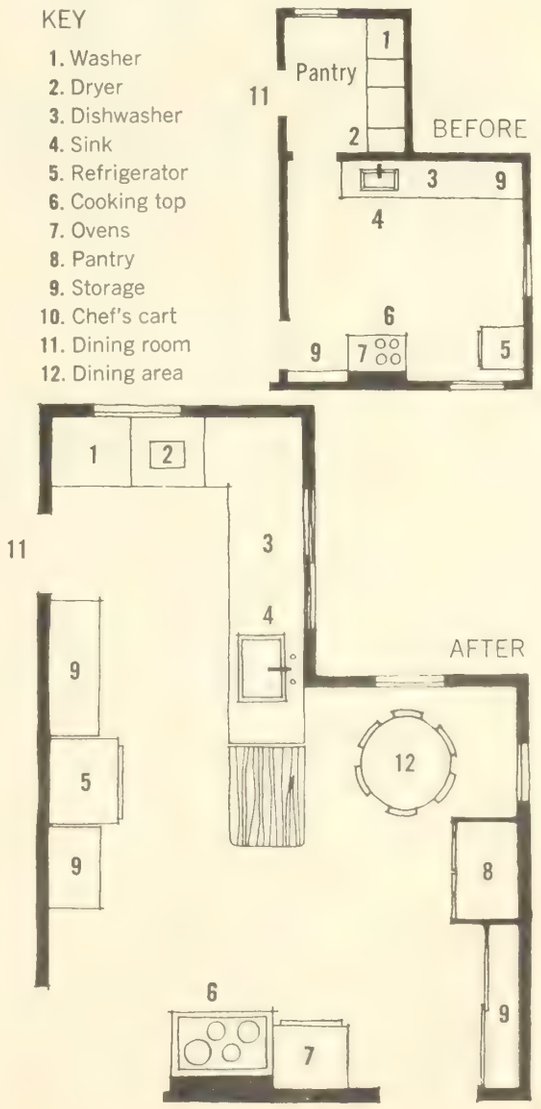
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MONTH OF THE ROSE

"They are not long," wrote poet Ernest Dowson, "the days of wine and roses." And yet—to be literal for a moment—few things in recorded history have had longer days than either wine or roses. And few things have more stubbornly resisted both improvement and debasement. Leaving wine to the vintners, roses are still available in the simplest form ever known. That roses are also available to gardeners in guises that were quite unknown even a generation ago is testimony to the extraordinary viability of the genus. Roses are undoubtedly the most widely grown garden group (barring, of course; the seed-packet flowers), and even though no single rose bush can match a tree such as the sequoia, say, for longevity, individual specimens of roses can undoubtedly compete with the apple, which is a rose cousin. In adaptability to a variety of garden uses, roses have few equals and no superiors. Although rose plants will not cling (except by their thorns) and will not assume true tree form (so-called tree roses are the result of two or more grafting operations and require special support: see page 126), there are rose species and varieties that will cover the ground, clamber over slopes, mask walls, clothe trellises and assume shrublike forms in heights and diameters varying from 6 inches to 8 or 10 feet.

While by far the greatest number of roses, both of total species and of the hybrid groups most often found in modern gardens, grow best in the temperate zones of the world, and preferably those of moderate (meaning non-extreme) amounts of rainfall, some rose species will survive subarctic cold, and many thrive in near-tropic heat. In very cold regions, some rose plants—grafted tree roses, for example—may be dug free each autumn, laid down and covered for the winter with earth. You can give the crown of any rose bush some protection against prolonged cold by mounding the earth up around it. And all roses in dry times and climates may be kept healthy by supplementary watering. But roses have no defense against too *much* water. This is one of the factors—the most important one probably, except lack of air circulation—militating against any rose in the tropics. Heat alone may not harm it, but too much humidity—especially the kind you could pour—will knock it out.

With a few exceptions (a four-petaled flower on a prairie rose, for example), you can obtain almost every type of rose bloom on almost every type of rose underpinning. It is obvious, however, to anyone familiar with modern catalogues that the roses most frequently listed are the hybrid bush varieties, usually those with many-petaled blossoms. The number of singles (flowers with exposed centers and usually only a single ring or layer of petals) is now small indeed. Most of the available bush-form single varieties are of the hybrid tea class ("Dainty Bess" is the archetype). Among the species still offered, the wild prairie rose and the trailing "Max Graf" are but two. Most of the very double roses are also either species or species hybrids of long standing (these are all generally listed as "old-fashioned" roses), although modern hybrid teas and their climbing counterparts include a number of recent varieties with huge flowers having sixty or more petals each. In between the singlest singles (five petals, rarely four) and the double doubles, the petalage is as variable as mathematics permits.

More significant than the number of petals in determining the general appearance of the rose flowers is the way they are borne on their stems—either singly or in clusters—and whether or not the opening buds reveal the stamens in the center. Among modern garden roses, all hybridized within an inch of their lives to satisfy the eternal search for novelty, the hybrid tea roses generally bear their flowers one to a stem; the polyanthas and their successors the floribundas and grandifloras typically produce their flowers in clusters. More hybrid teas keep their centers hidden until full blown than do the other types. But then, a greater proportion of hybrid teas are multipetaled—thus tending to achieve natural concealment of the stamens by sheer volume of petalage. Tastes differ widely as to the visibility of the centers. Most flower-show committees seem to feel that once a rose (unless it is a single type to start with) has passed the bud stage, it is practically without merit. On the other hand, a gardener who prefers his flowers on the bush regards a glimpse of the stamens as part of the total enjoyment of the bloom ("The Case for the Open Flower," H&G, February, 1961). As a matter of fact, all rosebuds look alike, and until the flowers are open, differences tend to be minimized (and this discussion tends to be unnecessary).

You might never wish to populate an entire garden with roses alone. But you could. No other flowering plant can make that statement. Yet it must be borne in mind that roses are not really very good landscape plants. When out of flower, their foliage is at best pleasant and no more. In winter (whatever the climate) all rose plants are awkward and featureless. Even when trained to a good trellis, they hold nothing but promise. So cleave to roses for their irreplaceable beauty when they have beauty to lavish, and ask no more of them in between times than durability.

Durability—now that the word has come up—is a variable feast with roses. Most well-grown bushes, leaving the flowers aside for a moment, will last an estimated average of ten years—across the board. Some shrub and climbing species, free from vulnerable graft unions and pretty tough to begin with, may last fifty years. Occasionally, of course, a rose plant—almost any rose plant—may conk out without warning and seemingly without reason. But if you cannot average ten years per plant—allowing more for hardy climbers and perhaps a little less for the newer hybrid bushes—then you are neglecting your plants in one respect or another. As to the lasting power of the blossoms: In June, a good rose will last in good condition, between (*Continued on next page*)



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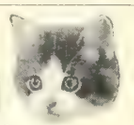
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Speaking of color, there is still no blue rose. Perhaps we should call a halt at the mauve and lavender throwbacks already on the market and be content with some of the most glorious reds, coppers, pinks, corals, yellows, creams, whites and combinations in the realm of flowers. The same goes for fragrance—perhaps we should be grateful when we find it (it is not too common in the intricate and lusty hybrids being produced today), for it is just as lovely as it ever was.

This is not a treatise on rose growing, nor even on rose selection. There is no flower so much or so persistently written about, and none more unremittingly touted by catalogue writers (who haven't come up with a new adjective in decades, although they still try). Not all good rose dealers, of course, can carry anything like a complete list of types, forms, species and varieties. But most of those roses you are ever likely to find in even the most extensive gardens can usually be obtained, either from available stocks or by waiting for plants to be propagated for you by a specialist (it takes at least two years to produce a good rose bush in the nursery). Sometimes the rewards of patience are great. For the beauty of the rare or the superseded or the old-fashioned roses is no less because the plants are harder to come by. After you have found your way with the new hybrids all the good dealers sell, venture a little afield each year and discover some new rose adjective of your own.

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There is at least a score of perfectly respectable rose books in print—everything from how-to guides to sentimental nonsense. As for the guides: Most mail-order roses come with clear, reliable, but admittedly brief instructions for the planting and care of the plants. As for the nostalgia, the romance, the sentiment and even the nonsense: Some rose books make good reading, although they are a mixed lot. Here are a few worthwhile suggestions with which to start a rose library. Most if not all should be available.

Of the guides, choose among:

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF ROSES, *by Fred F. Rockwell and Esther Grayson* (Doubleday).

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THE PAGEANT OF THE ROSE, *by Jean Gorden* (Studio-Crowell).

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ROSES, *by Wilhelm Kordes* (Reinhold). *See page 160.*

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Notes for February Gardeners



First weekend

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So now go outside and look at your trees. Do they measure up?



Second weekend

Tool economics. It is dollars better to cart your power mower, snow blower, edger and sweeper to the repairman's once a year than to run each machine as long as it will run without maintenance trouble and then discard it. This categorical statement is defensible if you have ever made a real point of having each piece of equipment put in shape and properly stored between seasons. For only one example: a good power mower, properly checked each year at an average cost of $10, will last ten years. The same mower improperly maintained (and with gasoline drained from the tank) may require a $25 service charge the second year and need replacement the third. Figure it out.

Of course believing the foregoing and doing something about it are two different things. (Gardeners are great procrastinators.) But even if you haven't a station

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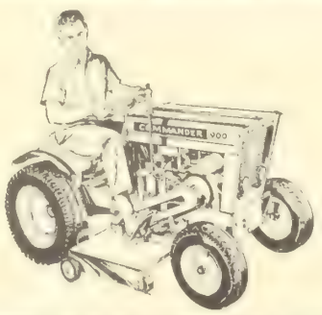


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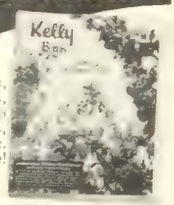
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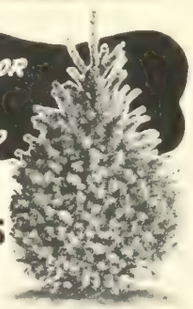
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Book note. This is probably the second most readable month in the gardener's year. So we suggest one new book and remind you of another. First, Louise Bush-Brown's "Men with Green Pens" (Dorrance, $5) is a careful and leisurely excursion into the life and times of some of the great but less familiar names in plant history—beginning with Theophrastus in the fourth century B. C. (there is a brief note dating back another thousand years) and continuing to that upstart modern, John Gerard (who died in 1612). This is strictly for book readers who take their garden seriously—or is it the other way around?

Elizabeth Lawrence's knowledgeable anthology of the late great Gertrude Jekyll's writings, "On Gardening" (Scribner's, $6), was noted in our Christmas gift book column (November, 1964). It is a delight—gift or no gift.



Third weekend

Independent evergreens. We are not indulging in anthropomorphism: The evergreen shrubs we refer to are independents in that they are not members of major plant groups, but are largely known for one or two species of a single genus. Among the important landscape shrubs, they rank very close to the top—certainly in the first ten of feature shrubs for permanent basic planting. All three are evergreen. All are hardy in temperate zones where winters are reasonably moist (with either snow or ocean-born rains) and where great sweeps of frigid wind do not strike them (as they would in the plains and prairie states). All are most used in groups or masses rather than singly, although in every sense they are first-class individual plants. All have magnificent spring flowers. All are slow growing and long lived. They are, in probable order of ascending height:

Leucothoë catesbaei (Drooping leucothoë). A spreading, suckering shrub with arching fernlike stems of lustrous pointed green leaves and April spikes of white florets in the leaf axils. It reaches a mature height, under gardening conditions, of 5 feet and a width of 8 feet.

Kalmia latifolia (mountain-laurel). With its clusters of peppermint-candy florets in June and its pest-free year-round foliage, it is one of the handsomest of spreading (slowly) basic landscape plants for the East and Northeast especially. It may reach a height of 8 feet or more in landscape plantings, and spread slowly from the base to an eventual width of 7 feet. It tolerates shade, as do the other two cited, but like them, blooms really well only when it receives some sun.

Pieris japonica (Japanese-andromeda). Fountain bursts of foliage rosettes are topped by smaller fountains of drooping white flower spikes, the individual florets closely resembling those of lily-of-the-valley. Plants tend to make single trunks, but branch low, reaching a final height of up to 10 feet, a width seldom more than half as much. They flower in April, and perform best in the filtered sunlight of overhead or sheltering trees, since their leaves tend to turn yellow in strong sun.

Book note. F. Gordon Foster, a scientist by profession, plantsman by inclination, has produced "The Gardener's Fern Book" (Van Nostrand, $7.95), the most useful and readable short guide on the subject available to laymen. Arranged for both reading and orderly reference, the volume is superbly illustrated by many drawings (the photographs are merely a collateral attraction). This book, and its author, go to the head of the class.



Fourth weekend

Greenhouse humidity. Maintaining (once you have created it) the proper moisture content in your greenhouse atmosphere is a year-round preoccupation. Even in July and August the problem has

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to be coped with, even if the solutions are invariably inadequate. In winter, the maintenance of moist and yet buoyant air under glass is essential to good plant growth. We have from time to time in this column suggested means for wetting down the greenhouse walks and under-bench areas, for using evaporative coolers as inexpensive winter humidifiers, for syringing gravel in the benches (syringing of the plants themselves is another matter, only indirectly concerned with the maintenance of all-round humidity). Now we fall back, without denigrating any of the foregoing methods, on one of the simplest means of all—fogging, at the highest pressure you can command, the air around your plants *but not the plants themselves*. This means, in essence, simply standing at one end of the house and pointing your hose with its fogger-nozzle (the Fogg-it is a good one) at the ridgepole. Naturally, in the very coldest weather there is no advantage in slobbering water on the underside of the roof panes, but that is probably better than putting too much visible moisture on the foliage. (Contrary to popular belief, great gouts of mist do *not* improve most orchids.) A good rule to follow is: If you can see it on the leaves, it is too much. Short of that, load the air with as much humidity as it will carry without producing condensation. Now that the days are lengthening, the sun climbing higher, the plants are growing faster and using more of everything—warmth, ventilation, water, fertilizer and atmospheric humidity. Thirty seconds (that's quite a long time) of high pressure mist aimed at nothing in particular will make an appreciable difference in the way your plants head into spring.

Book note. Miss Alys Sutcliffe, horticulturist of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Botanic Garden and a plantswoman very much in the Gertrude Jekyll tradition of dedicated expertise, has written a slim (praise be) and clear little book, "House Plants for City Dwellers" (Dutton, $3.95). Only a really skilled gardener could know that such an important subject could be effectively covered in a book of less than 150 pages. It is a slightly folksy treatise, but a sound, helpful and most attractive one.

Wilhelm Kordes, one of the outstanding rose figures of Europe, has put together a volume, "Roses" (Reinhold, $6.95), of his accumulated observations and what amounts to true wisdom. For fanciers of the breed, a welcome rose-shelf addition.

HOSTESS NOTES *continued from page 38*

Harriet Meyer had the most engaging little hurricane lanterns on the table at her buffet supper the other night. Of white Italian pottery in the shape of gazebos, they flanked a marvelous matching footed cake stand that held the meal's pièce de résistance—a superb quiche lorraine—but could just as easily have held dessert or an arrangement of flowers. Harriet bought the set at Lord & Taylor intending to use the hurricane lamps for outdoor dining next summer, but couldn't wait. On the polished table among the silver serving dishes they did indeed cast a pretty glimmer.

A star member of our garden club keeps in reserve what she facetiously calls a rock pile, from which she selects stones to use for contriving some of the most striking centerpieces I've ever seen. Three of her favorites are built around sulphur, quartz and coal. When she uses the sulphur, she mounds fairly good-sized chunks on a thin slab of green marble. Then, here and there between the rocks, she tucks small green or browny yellow orchids kept fresh in hidden water tubes (the kind florists use). The effect is really stunning, and since only a few blossoms are needed, the arrangement isn't extravagant. And incidentally, the less exotic forsythia can make a fine substitute.

She handles the pink quartz more subtly, submerging the crystals in a clear glass bowl filled with water and holding a bouquet of garnet roses, sweet peas, daphne—any small delicate flower of suitable color.

As for the anthracite, this creative lady piles it on a pewter platter and stands in it one or two fruit branches in blossom. Very Japanese in effect. She has also combined the coal with—I know this sounds far out, but it can look fabulous—clusters of pale green grapes spilling over the jagged shiny black rounds.

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On the cover: The pattern of caning —a unique and intricate composite of the stripe, the check and the polka dot —plays a strategic role in the living room designed for fashion editor Babs Simpson by Inman Cook. Strictly an after-dark haven, the room—an urban aerie—enjoys no view except an abrupt close-up of the building next door —a vista entirely shut out by cane-patterned curtains. Yet, looking inward, space seems to loom beyond the walls simply because the caning wallpaper, pure white on shiny black, gives the effect of a see-through lattice. To keep the room visually spacious, the long curved sofa on the papered wall is covered in the same pattern, but in the blue and white of the curtains. To balance the extravagance of pattern encircling the room, there are two swacks of strong, solid color: a heavenly blue Bangkok silk sofa and a draped table cover of water- [illegible] is a favorite of Mrs. Simpson's. For other excursions into the wonderful world of the stripe, the check and the polka dot, see page 112. For a list of stores carrying merchandise in H&G Colors, page 25.

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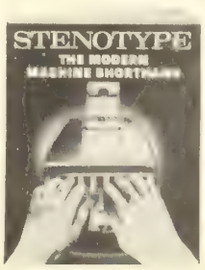
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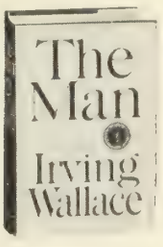


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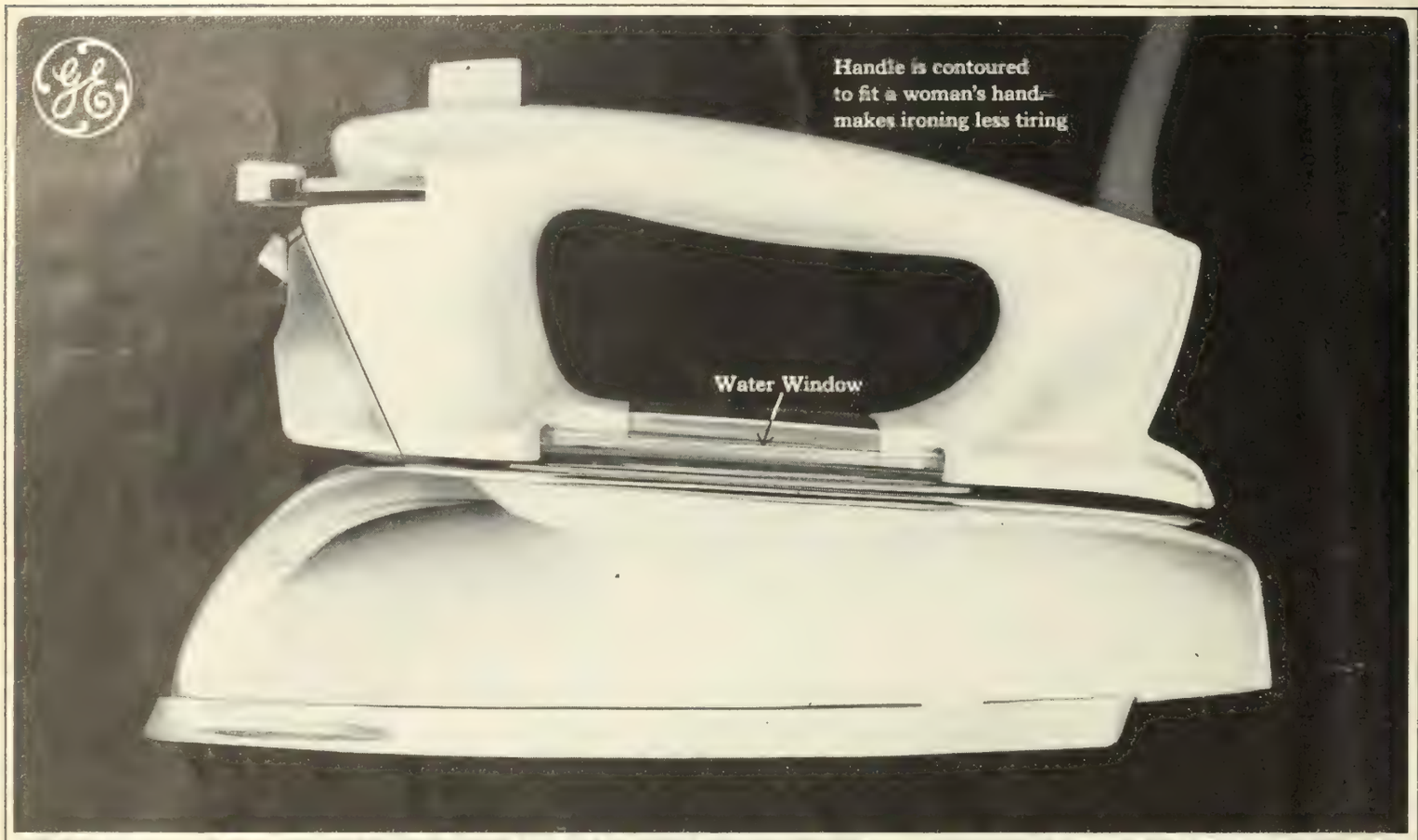


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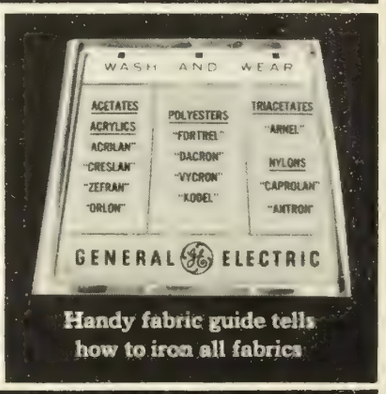
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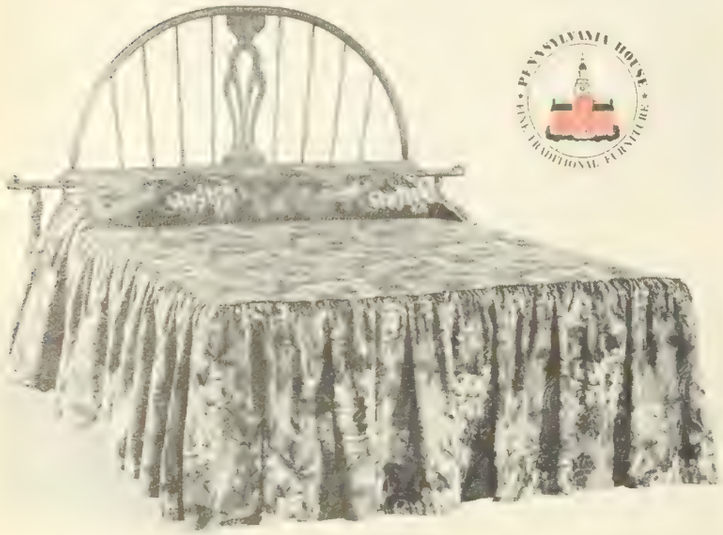
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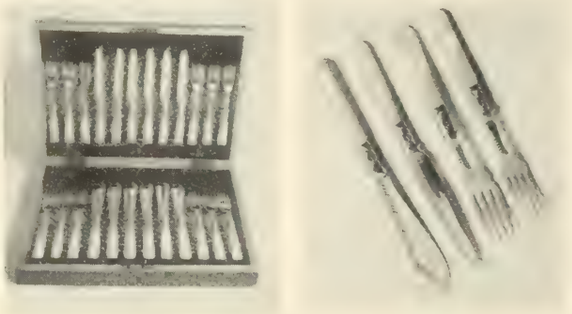
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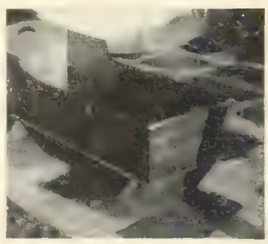
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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

Don was pleased as Punch when I told him I had decided to stage a stag party for his upcoming birthday. I've planned a robust menu, drawing heavily on the trophies of his fishing and hunting skill. First there will be the large salmon he landed in Canada last summer and had smoked against just such an occasion as this. Then there will be those canvasbacks that have been filling up the freezer since his last hunting expedition. I wouldn't dare serve his wild ducks without wild rice—that would be a sacrilege, to his way of thinking—but I am going to mix with the rice those wonderfully chewy dried mushrooms that you can usually get in a Chinese or Italian grocery (or a gourmet store).

As a vegetable, small acorn squash seems right, baked with brown sugar and butter and served filled with tiny green peas. For dessert, the guests will have deep-dish very spicy apple pie with hard sauce and/or a choice of cheeses.

The table setting should be simple, with a minimum of furbelows. I bought a large piece of that heavy green felt—the kind billiard tables are covered with—and plan to cover the dining table with that instead of a cloth. Just for fun I want to make a centerpiece construction of playing cards and poker chips. This makes sense because after dinner when the men have had their cigars and brandy in the living room, those who so wish can repair back to the dining table for poker. Chess, bridge and backgammon setups will be in the library.

I do not plan to be around—I've engaged a waiter to take over this masculine affair.

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Cobo Hall
Detroit, Mich. 48226

FEB. 23–28
Des Moines Home and Flower Show
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Des Moines, Iowa

FEB. 28–MARCH 7
American Flower and Garden Exposition
Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo. 64113

MARCH 3–9
Connecticut Valley Flower Show
Exposition Grounds
West Springfield, Mass. 01089

MARCH 6–14
Cleveland Home and Flower Show
Cleveland Public Auditorium
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

MARCH 6–14
International Flower Show
New York Coliseum
New York, N. Y. 10019

MARCH 6–14
Indiana Flower and Patio Show
Manufacturers Building
Indiana State Fairgrounds
Indianapolis, Ind. 46220

MARCH 6–14
Southeastern Flower and Garden Show
Charlotte Merchandise Mart
Charlotte, N. C.

MARCH 12–21
National Capital Flower and Garden Show
National Guard Armory
Washington, D. C. 20006

MARCH 13–18
Spring Flower Show
Armory of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry
23rd and Ranstead Streets
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

MARCH 13–21
New England Spring Flower Show
Wonderland Park
Revere, Mass. 01604

MARCH 13–21
Dallas Flower and Garden Show
World Exhibits Building
State Fair Park
Dallas, Tex.

MARCH 20–28
Chicago World Flower and Garden Show
McCormick Place
Chicago, Ill. 60603

MARCH 30–APRIL 4
Colorado Garden and Home Show
Denver Coliseum
Denver, Colo. 80211

MARCH 30–APRIL 4
15th Annual Northwestern Ohio Garden and Flower Show
Toledo Sports Arena and Exhibit Hall
Toledo, Ohio

APRIL 21–24
Leonards Flowercade
Garden Club Council
Lenwood Hall
Fort Worth, Texas

APRIL 30–MAY 9
California Spring Garden and Home Show
Exposition Building
Oakland, Calif.

MAY 17–22
4th Annual International Flower Show
Hess' Department Store
Allentown, Pa.

MAY 25
"Country Flower Fair"
Oswego Garden Club, Armory
Lake Oswego, Ore. 97034

JUNE 5–6
Delaware Flower Show
Carpenter Fieldhouse
University of Delaware
Newark, Del. 19711

HOME & GARDEN TOURS

MARCH 6–APRIL 4
The Natchez Pilgrimage
(30 ante-bellum houses)
P.O. Box 347,
Natchez, Miss. 39120

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Tours of Tryon Palace and Gardens (no tours on Mondays)
Tryon Palace, New Bern, N. C. 28560

MARCH 27
Sea Island-St. Simons Tour of Homes and Gardens
Sea Island Co.
Sea Island, Ga. 31561

APRIL 2–3
Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens (17 homes)
Mrs. John Leitch, publicity
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Savannah, Ga. 31404

APRIL 8–10
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Georgetown, S. C. 29440

APRIL 23–MAY 8
New Orleans Spring Fiesta
546 St. Peter Street
New Orleans, La. 70116

APRIL 23–24
Georgetown Garden Tour
Georgetown Children's House
3224 N Street. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

APRIL 24–MAY 1
Historic Garden Week in Virginia
Rm. 3, Mezzanine, Hotel Jefferson
Richmond, Va. 23219

APRIL 24–25
House and Garden Tour of Historic Berkeley and Jefferson Counties
Shenandoah-Potomac Garden Council
102 West King Street
Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401

APRIL 25–27
Virginia's Historic Garden Week (Leesburg, Va.)
Fauquier-Loudon Garden Clubs
Box 151, Leesburg, Va. 22075

APRIL 28–30
4th Annual Clara B. Ford Garden Forum
Henry Ford Museum
Dearborn, Mich. 48224

APRIL 29–MAY 9, 15, 16
28th Annual Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage (11 tours, 2 cruises)
Room 223, Sheraton Belvedere
Baltimore, Md. 21202

MAY 1
Wilmington Garden Day (23 gardens, 5 homes)
Shipley Street at Eighth
Wilmington, Del. 19801

MAY 1–2
Park School House and Garden Tour
3050 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, Ind. 46222

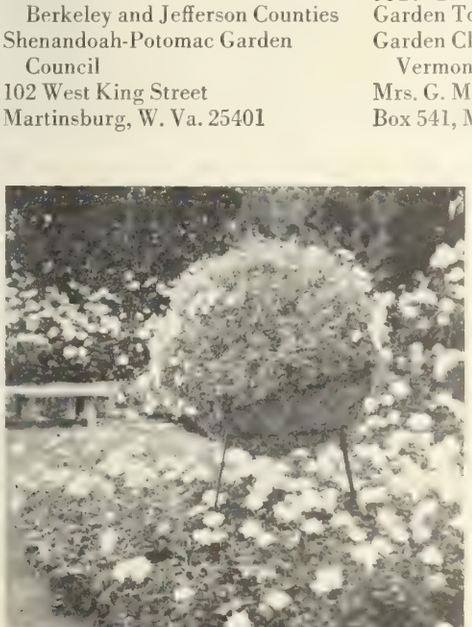
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City Gardens Club
829 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10021

MAY 15
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Box 166, New Castle, Del. 19720

MAY 20
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N. Y. Univ. Medical Center
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New York, N. Y. 10016

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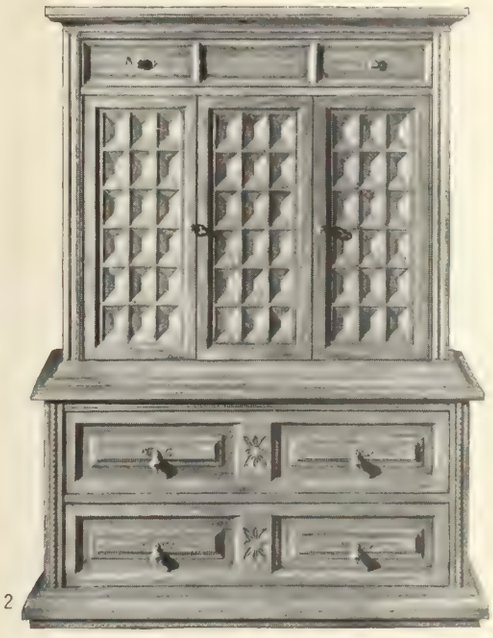
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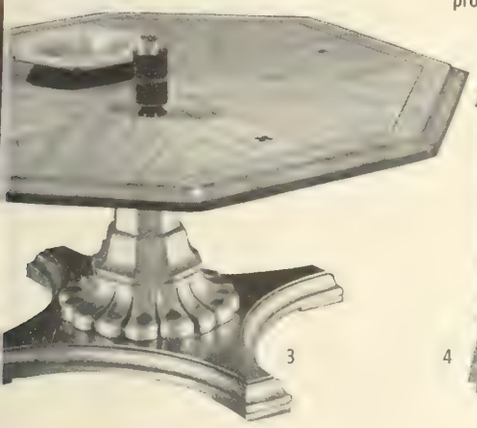


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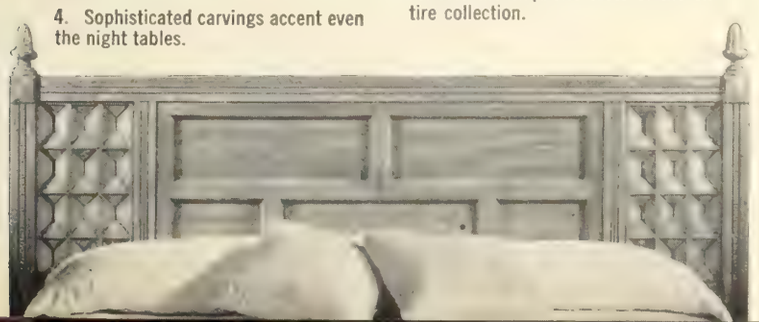


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Boothe Memorial Hall
Stratford, Conn. 06497

MARCH 26–27
31st Annual Daffodil Show
The Garden Club of Virginia
Botanical Gardens
Norfolk, Va. 23501

APRIL 19–MAY 2
Dogwood Arts Festival
Knoxville Junior League and Chamber of Commerce
811 Henley Street, S.W.
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MAY 1–2
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The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
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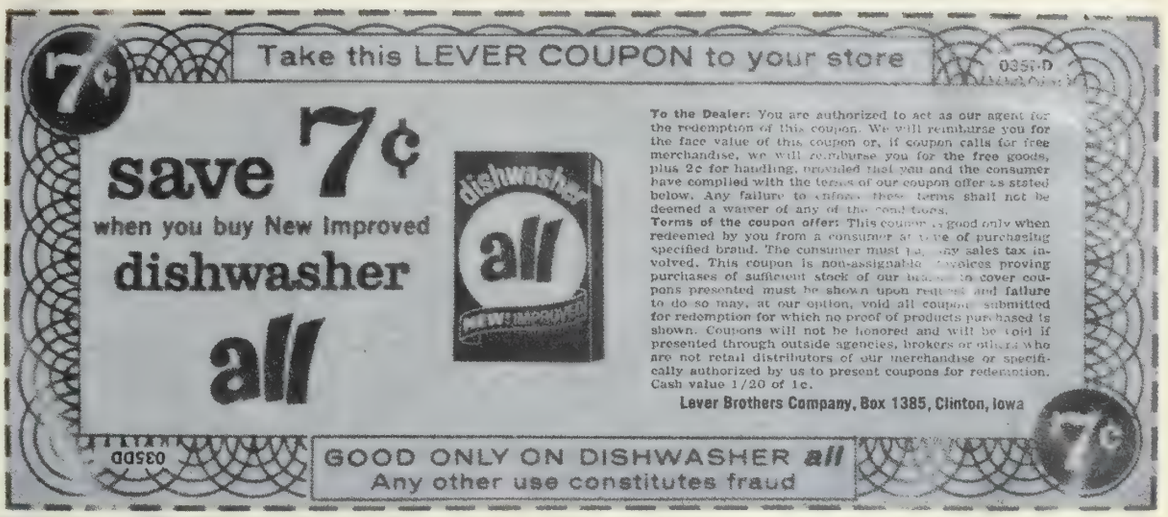
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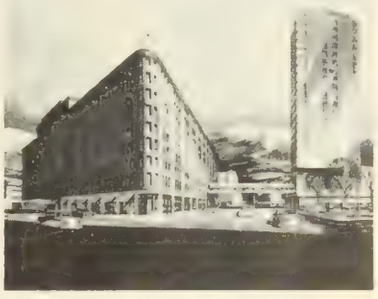
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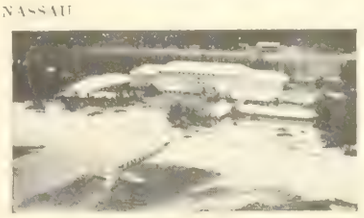
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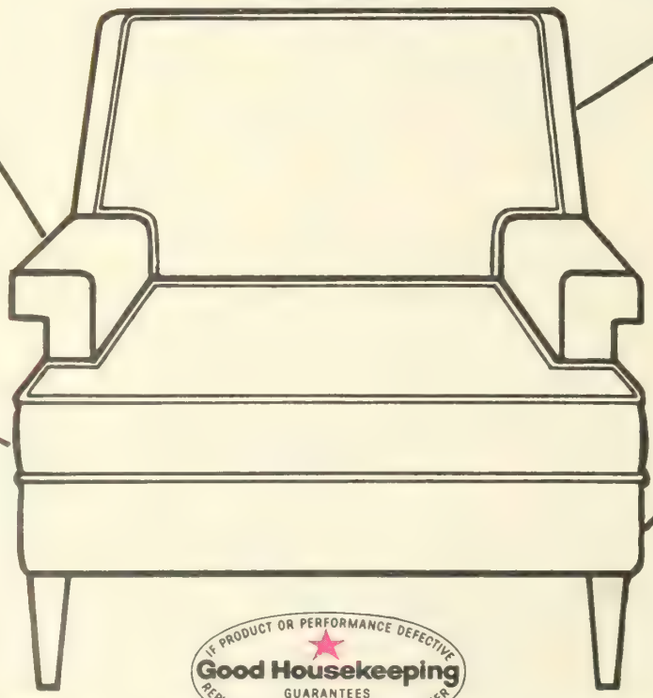
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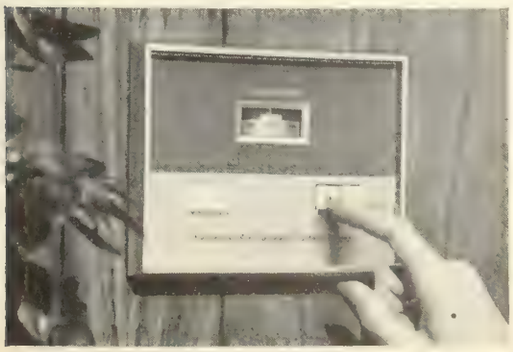
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EDITOR'S NOTE: On her frequent trips to Denmark, Mrs. Hazelton tracks down recipes (her book on "The Art of Danish Cooking" was recently published by Doubleday) and old buildings. She is enchanted by the fantasy and variety in Denmark's historic castles and churches, so different from the modern architecture.

One of the most appealing things about Denmark is that it is small and compact enough so that, even with a limited amount of time, you can get to see and understand a lot of it. From the window of my Pan American jet, the country looked like a colorful page in an illuminated medieval manuscript. The hundreds of islands were stuck on the blue sea like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, and the land, which at first looked flat, had oddly formed and often steep-banked coves on the coastline, rolling hills and hidden valleys, neatly hedged, vivid green fields and patches of dark forest. I picked out farmhouses thatched to the nose, black-and-white half-timbered villages clustering around village churches with stepped towers, towns with the new industries neatly contained outside their original limits so as not to spoil the skyline, and rosy red towered and gabled castles and manors.

This was the Denmark I'd come to see. On this trip I had decided to break away from the fleshpots of Copenhagen, and especially my own particular fleshpot, the Hotel d'Angleterre with its vast halls, big rooms, faultless old-fashioned elegance and perfect service. I did spend a few days in Copenhagen, but just to shop and visit friends. At Marinus Jensen, a sailor's clothing store in the old harbor, I bought some *anorakker*, the absolutely windproof Greenland parkas in blue and white, and several Faroe sweaters. The sweaters, knitted on those faraway islands from thick, natural wool in shades of white, gray and beige, have the original gull-in-flight designs and make ideal ski sweaters. I also picked up several red or blue pinstripe carpenters' shirts, cut very wide, with a banded neck, to wear with slacks, or as bathing suit cover-uppers. At another nautical supply house, Christian Møller, Amaliegade 5, I got my annual supply of gift slippers, soft white sheepskin booties with the fur inside, very light, warm and inexpensive. There were also good-looking heavy white canvas totes for around $1.

While I was in Copenhagen, I was invited to a dinner party in an apartment furnished with old French furniture, a collection of Famille Rouge vases and old Danish mahogany (which is English in feeling), a welcome change of pace from the usual Danish modern. My hostess was Didder Pedersen, the wife of the manager of Pan American's Copenhagen offices and an ardent antique collector. She is one of the svelte little Danish women who look and dress with French chic. She is also a formidable journalist for she runs the woman's page of B. T., Denmark's largest paper.

Mrs. Pedersen told me that the price of antiques, especially old Danish pieces, is rising rapidly because antique collecting has become as fashionable as it is in the U.S. There are not many to be found, for the aristocracy, given to French and English things in the past, are hanging onto them. There is no reservoir of sophisticated folk art in Denmark as there is in Norway, Switzerland or Austria, since the Danish peasants were not artistically inclined nor craftsmen, except for a few weav-

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ers and the lacemakers of South Jutland. On the other hand, this absence of the heavy hand of the past has contributed much to the freshness and originality of modern Danish design.

I went straight from Didder's party to the night boat that was to take me to Aalborg, the main city of North Jutland. You can fly to Aalborg, or take a train or drive, but the night boat, with its comfortable cabins, is the most pleasant way to go. Early in the morning we sailed up the Limfjorden, a world of marshes, sounds, inlets, islands and capes that divides North Jutland, between fields of ripening corn.

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In Mrs. Pedersen's living room, a typical Danish white brick fireplace and 200-year-old copper fish kettle.

Aalborg is a busy town, and, with the exception of some old streets and splendid Renaissance merchants' houses around the cathedral, a modern town. It is also jolly, even on a Sunday. Everybody was out window shopping, and I liked what I saw in the way of stoneware and ceramics in Maren Turis Kunst at Maren Turisgade 4, and the amber jewelry at Karen Hamre, Brandstrupsgade 3, an antique shop. Amber is a specialty of the North Sea, where it is found, and although much of it is made into trite jewelry, you can find lovely necklaces in good shops. The town is the liaison with Sweden and very active in every way. It has a large zoo, a Tivoli pleasure garden, a theatre, and produces Aalborg akvavit.

Akvavit and the cold *bord* go together like love and marriage. I remember the delicious Limfjord oysters and the eight kinds of akvavit I tasted at the Skydepavilionen, a restaurant that lies on a wooded hill overlooking the city. The pearl of them all, Jubiloeums Akvavit, is matured in Madeira barrels. At the back of the very modern restaurant is a funny little pavilion where a gigantic ancient bow is kept that must be shot sitting down. Once a year, the members of Aalborg's shooting club (founded in 1431) gather here for a competition and three days of hilarious manly sport, wives being permitted only at the last dinner.

Some friends collected me at my hotel and drove me to their house in Hasseris, a recent residential suburb with outstanding modern buildings and a new seventeen-floor apartment house especially designed for the handicapped. Denmark takes wonderful care of its afflicted and old; everywhere in the country you see pleasant, non-institutional looking homes for the aged, where they can live among their own possessions and be cared for by a staff.

In Hasseris, I encountered the constant wind that is as much a feature of North Jutland as the immense sky and the pounding North Sea. The wind stunts the trees, but the patio of my friends' house was skillfully designed to be as sheltered as a greenhouse. The wind was with us when we drove to Skagen, Denmark's northernmost town, or rather twin towns, one on the Skagerrak and the other on the Kattegat. These were old fishing villages until around 1870, when they were discovered by Michael Archer and other painters and Holger Drachman, the national poet, and turned into a Danish kind of Provincetown. They are still an artists and tourist center, and also a fishing center of consequence. Little communities of low white houses, on the plain side, they really exist for the sea that pounds—and pounds is the word—against a countryside of bogs, moors and sand dunes. Some of these dunes shift, and once buried the town church. Skagen is the most complete seascape I've ever seen; Cape Cod looks rather tame beside it.

The same fierce wind was rustling in the big beeches and lindens of Voergaard Slot, when we visited this handsome red brick sixteenth-century castle protected, like most Danish castles and manors, by its own moat. The castle is small, only one room wide, and filled with French (especially Napoleonic) relics. The owner, now dead, made good in the French wine business and married the boss' daughter. He became a Catholic, which is unusual in Lutheran Denmark, and left the castle to the local bishop.

Our next stop was Børglumkloster, once a royal castle, then a fortified monastery and now private property. The church, built as the fourth side of the square of the buildings, has thick medieval walls, a Gothic interior with rococo furniture and a splendid altar that takes up the entire choir space. There is an unforgettable feeling of great age, history and lonely power about this massive

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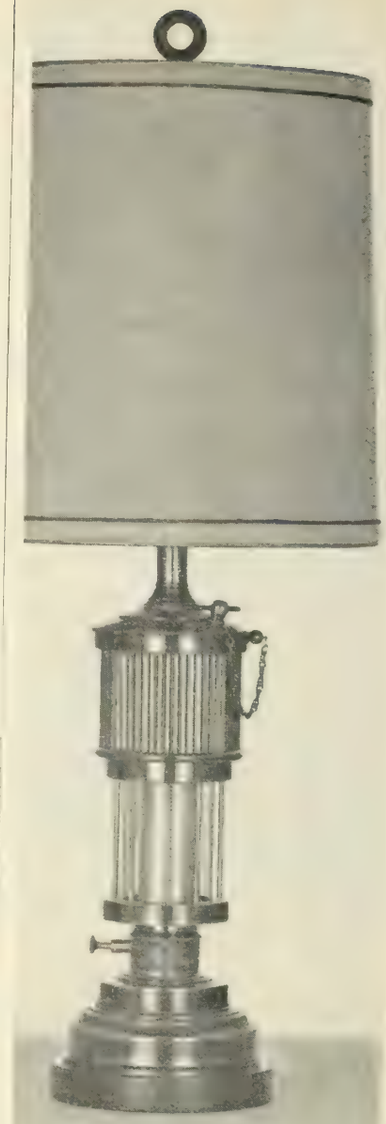
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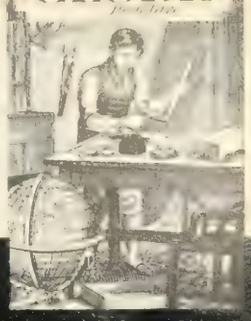
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white structure located in the Northern Jutland fields.

The wind left us only as we drove through the Rebild Hills which were covered with a blaze of purple heather, reminiscent of Scotland. This national park was donated in 1912 by Danish Americans, and each year, our own Independence Day is feted in Rebild. Thousands of Danes from America, Danish royalty and American notables attend the Fourth of July celebration.

In the course of a few hours, as we drove south, the landscape changed again. We were in rolling farm country under a blue sky dotted with little white clouds. The very bright light you find in these northern countries set off to perfection that pale yellow which seems to be the national house color. We stopped in Randers, a busy little industrial town with some pleasant ancient streets, to eat the local specialty, salmon, in the Randers hotel. Then we drove on to see three of Denmark's best castles, all nearby.

Baroque Buildings

We are apt to think of the Baroque as a Southern European or Continental style, so that the great Danish residential buildings of the period come as eye openers. Gammel Estrup, built between 1500 and 1625, is a grand red-brick affair, a dwelling castle rather than a fortress castle and now the Jutland Manor Museum. Rosenholm is similar, although not quite as grand, and still belongs to the Rosenkrantz family who built it. Clausholm, on the other hand, is a U-shaped Baroque palace, with an interior of stucco run wild. All have magnificent parks.

When Danes tell you that they live on the old family farm, you're generally in for a surprise. One old family farm I visited, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bøgh of Arden in Central Jutland, had a wealth of Danish Biedermeier, which is later than the German and made from massive mahogany. Mr. Bøgh is a member of parliament and his wife does the farming. What impressed me most was the lawn of her garden, sensational even by Danish standards. Sheltered by trees, this was the greenest, juiciest and most cushiony lawn I've ever seen anywhere. Or the "farm" may turn out to be a jewel of a seventeenth-century red-brick manor house, like Mesinggaard, near Skanderborg, the family home of one of my best friends, Borg Hauberg Lund. The house has been brought up-to-date without sacrificing any of its charm, and Borg's brother, Peter, and his wife Marit live an enchanted life there. He drives to his office in Skanderborg in five minutes and comes home for lunch, and she has her horses and country pleasures. Theirs is a working farm, for the connection between the Danish gentry and the land is as close as it was in the days of armored knights and peruked statesmen. Marit has lovely things in her house. At one of her luncheons, I spotted some deep blue plates that were not Danish, but came from Finland's Arabia porcelain factory. Later, I bought myself a set in a china shop in Fünen.



Vallø Castle, an imposing Renaissance building 31 miles south of Copenhagen, is surrounded by a moat and a 40-acre park. In 1737 it was established as a home for elderly unmarried daughters of the Danish nobility, under the Queen's patronage.

Driving south again, we passed through the lovely lake region of Skanderborg, which looks like Switzerland without Alpine backgrounds, poking our noses into odd little antique shops. There are not many of them, and they are not well stocked by our standards since the good things go as fast as they come in. However, many of the shops in the towns we went through had well-designed housewares. In one of them I bought myself a pair of the wooden clogs, or *traesko*, that are universal Danish footwear. Their original form is as old as the hills, but they are now made with white or colored uppers and a silencing layer of rubber on the sole. Traesko are wonderful for slipping on and off when going to and from a muddy or dusty garden; you can see them lined up by the front door of many Danish houses.

We stopped for the night in Christiansfeld, a little town founded by the Moravian Brethren who

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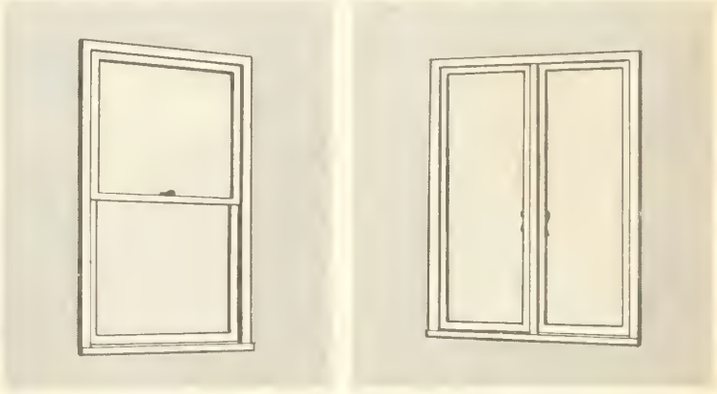
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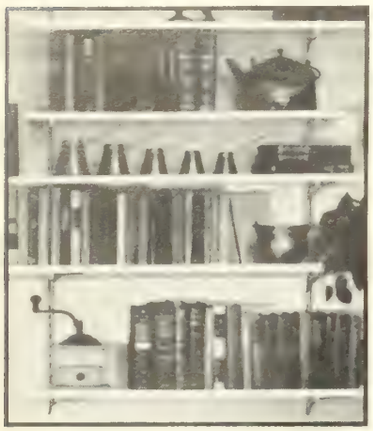
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also founded so many of our own Pennsylvania Dutch towns. The place is famous for old-fashioned honey cakes, which are light and not very rich, and for Stricker's Hotel. The current owner of this ancient inn, Baron Stricker, has filled it with excellent antiques, all in working order and part of the hotel's regular furnishings. He has called the guest rooms after some of the distinguished people who slept in them in the past, and furnished the rooms according to period and style. My friend Borg slept in the "Bernadotte," named for Napoleon's Marshal who became King of Sweden, and I in the "Landgrevinde Danner," commemorating the common-law wife of King Frederik VII. Photographs of the pair hang on either side of the bed they once slept in; he a gallant Victorian, she a portly lady oozing domestic bliss.



Stepped gables, red tile roofs distinguish the ancient Danish churches.

Ribe, our next stop, lies like an island in the flat marshes of West Jutland. We drove along the dykes that protect the land from the ravaging winter storms and floods, where sheep and cows, grazing on the luscious marsh grass, were silhouetted against the sky. Ribe is Denmark's oldest, and probably most beautiful, town. It is protected by the National Trust which tells people exactly what they can and cannot do to their houses, including the color they must paint them to match their surroundings. The town, a low cluster of red roofs over pastel, half-timbered houses, is dominated by a cathedral built around 1125 by Rhenish workmen with Rhenish stone, and one of Europe's finest. From whichever side you come to the city, you see the great building the way the pilgrims saw it in the Middle Ages when they came to worship and to trade in the famous cattle markets. The cathedral lies in a hollow, since the ground has risen with time, as it so often does around old buildings. The interior is light and airy, with a wide four-aisled nave, Romanesque pillars and triple arches.

Ribe's charm lies in the fact that it is a functioning town where the tourists, like the pilgrims, become accessories rather than main figures. There is a good hotel there, the Dagmar, where excellent food is served in a series of small dining rooms furnished like living rooms. Since that was crowded, I stayed instead at the Munken, which has a ravishing garden down to the Ribe River, with spectacular flowers. I ate in the sunshine and picked my dessert right from the plum tree.

Ribe is also a good shopping town. The specialty is amber. Some beads are lovely, but most of the amber jewelry to be found with the standard modern Danish silver in all jewelry stores is rather awful. At the Quedems Gaard Kunsthandverk there is an excellent choice of modern Danish arts and crafts. I picked up a number of unusual silver spoons with enameled bowls and some of the Kastrup Glassworks stacking wineglasses.

Wandering around in search of an English murder mystery to read I came across Tormansesn's Boghandel, a splendid bookshop housed in an even more splendid half-timbered house, dated 1597 and in the A class of the National Trust. Here I bought books and a heavy blue and terra-cotta ceramic pitcher made by a local artist who signs himself Pottegården.

At Antik-Jensen, a small shop in the Grydegade, I saw some outstanding old oak chests in the massive yet graceful curved-front style favored by the rich Jutland farmers of around 200 years ago. Originally, the pieces must have been painted, but they had been scraped, to their advantage, to a lovely silvery sheen. West Jutland is still a good place to buy furniture—a fact not unknown to some Chicago dealers Mr. Jensen supplies. The shop's collection of objets d'art did not come anywhere near the quality of the furniture, although I did spot some of the eighteenth-century Danish silver snuff boxes that have now become collectors' items, at fairly reasonable prices. Anton Bock, in nearby Gram, is another well-known dealer with good old Danish pieces. (All dealers will make arrangements to have furniture shipped to America, with pedigree.)

Decorative Churches

As you drive through Denmark, you notice the white village churches with stepped gables that look new, but are very ancient, dating back to the twelfth century. They are utterly different from our churches, and their Lutheranism is also very different from ours, and not at all austere. These churches of the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance are decorated with splendid carved doors, chris-

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tening fonts with lion motifs, Romanesque golden altars (bronze reliefs plated with gold), Gothic wooden triptychs with a wealth of colorful figures, richly carved altars, crosses, benches and memorial tablets of great imagination. In some of the churches, the original wall paintings are preserved in all their glory. A touching sight in village church and cathedral alike is the ship that hangs in one of the naves, a reminder of the perils of the sea. The Danish pastors, good-looking men all, are made even more distinguished by the large, pleated white ruffle they wear under their chin, over the black habit, in the manner of Renaissance burghers.

A Tour of Towns

There are two churches in South Jutland that are well worth seeing and not at all alike. Løgumkloster, definitely not a village church, is a relic of Denmark's pre-Reformation past, part of a monastery built by Cistercian monks around 1200. All that remains is the church itself, a breathtaking rose-red brick building of great height and exterior and interior harmony.

The other church is a splendid large Romanesque building dating back to 1275 with a fine Gothic altar piece and a handsome Baroque pulpit. It stands in Møgeltønder, a lime-tree-lined street of thatched, bay-windowed half-timbered houses, justly described as Denmark's most picturesque village. At the other end of the village is Schackenborg, a three-winged white Baroque manor with a ravishing park. Obviously, unless you are on an architectural tour, it is impossible to see all the interesting old buildings. But in order to check on those that are worth a visit, you should have on hand two useful illustrated folders published by the National Travel Association of Denmark: "Castles and Manors in Denmark" and "Denmark, the Village Church." They give background information, a map and a list of recommended castles and churches open to the public. You can also get additional literature and information about tours in the local tourist offices of the various Danish towns, or from the National Travel Association in Copenhagen.

As we were traveling across Southern Jutland, we drank coffee in the old-world town of Tønder, famous for its lace. This charming little town has trim tawny houses, their windows filled with house plants and adorned with lace curtains and an occasional spyglass set at right angles so the occupants can see down the street.

At Mommark, we took the ferry that connects Southern Jutland with the island of Fünen, often called Denmark's garden. The trip through the peaceful waters of the sound and its pastoral islands is a wonderful way to spend a couple

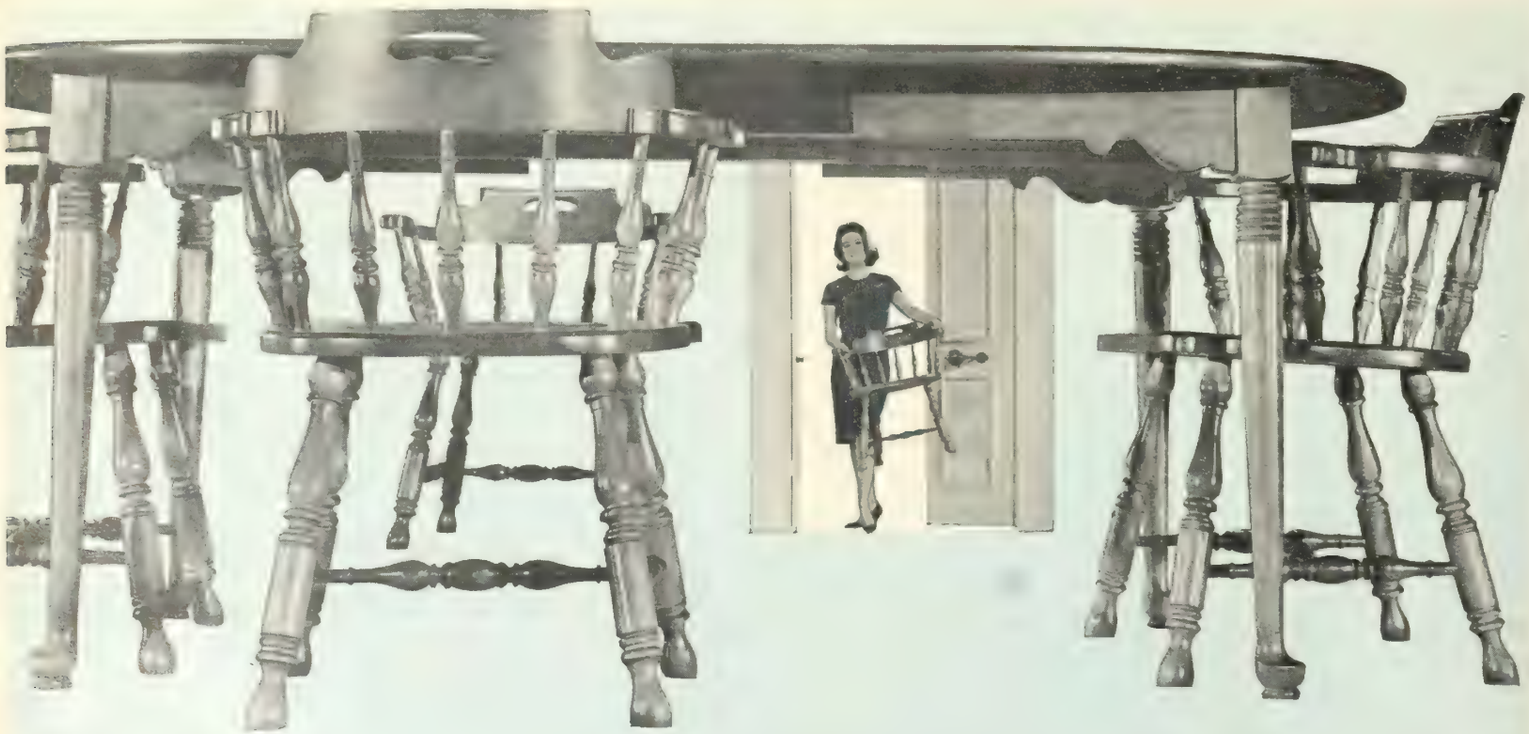


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of hours in utter peace. Heading for Faaborg, we abandoned the main highways (as should everybody who wants to see the real Denmark) and drove through the Svanninge Hills, where the hills terrace into fields and overlook the blue waters of the sea and the flat outer islands, passing Arcadian havens of fields and little old ports where the ancient sea captains doze away their time in front of their doll houses. We took winding roads through fields of golden corn, past picture-book black-and-white half-timbered farms buried so deeply in cottage gardens that your fingers itch for the watercolor pad. The light is dappled by great oak, pine, linden and beech trees. The beech is really Denmark's tree, and it is an old Danish custom to treat beech as we treat boxwood, cutting it into flat hedges and even into mazes.

Faaborg is a little old seaside town of one- or two-story half-timbered houses, crowned with television aerials. Many of the houses lean into the cobbled streets, and through their dark gateways, large enough to admit a cart and horse, you can glimpse the back buildings grouped around cobbled courtyards planted with roses, lilacs and elderberry. The whole town looks like a stage setting and is an enchanting place to wander around. There are two interesting museums. One, the Old Merchants' House, a complex of incredibly picturesque buildings containing furnishings and household objects, has a delightful small summer house, an eighteenth-century pavilion overlooking the quays, filled with pale yellow, lavender and white Empire furniture. The other is the Art Museum, which houses a collection of the nineteenth-century Fünen School of genre painting and some interesting modern sculptures in the massive-mythical style so favored by the Scandina-

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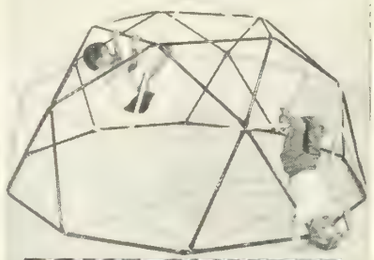
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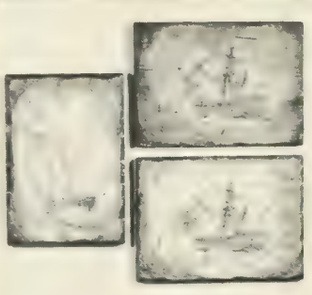
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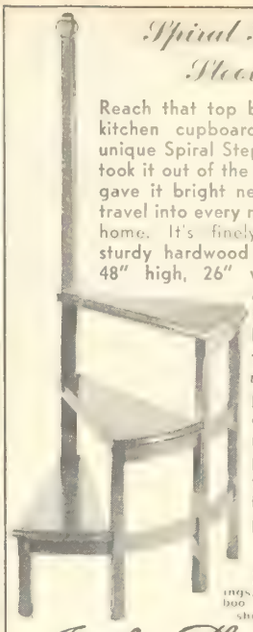


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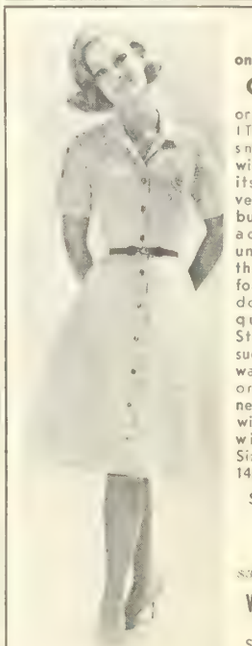
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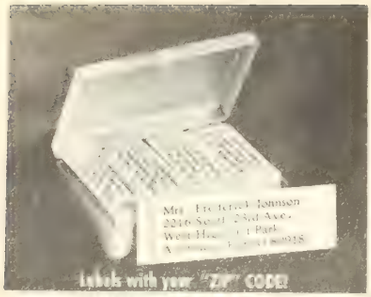


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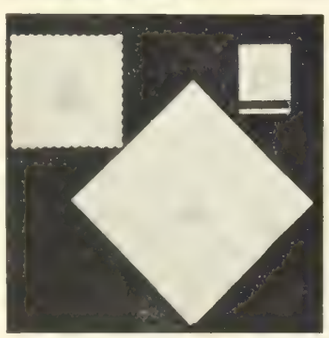
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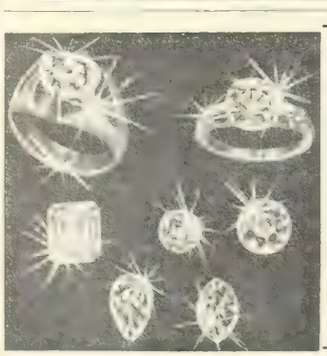
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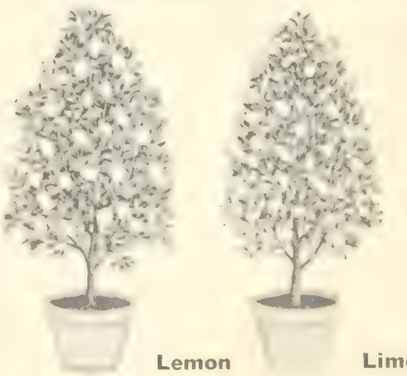
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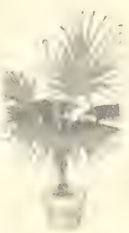
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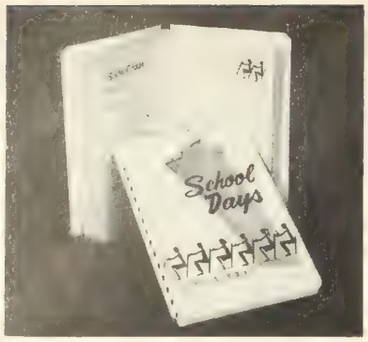
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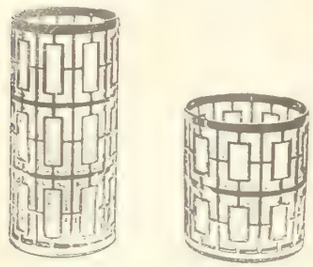
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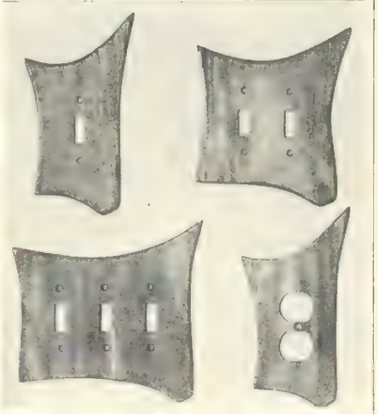
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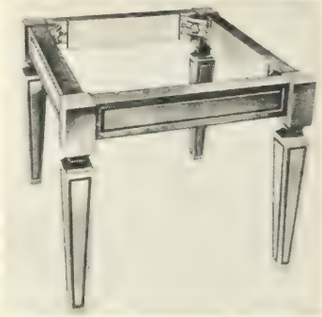
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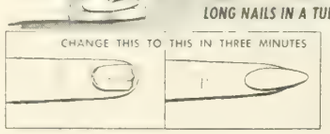


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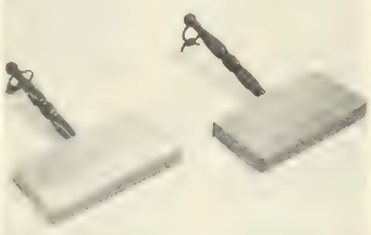


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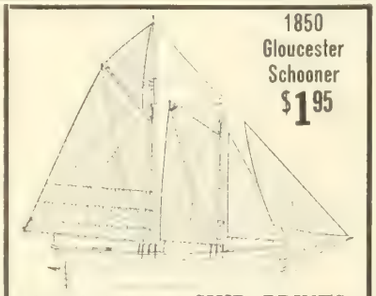
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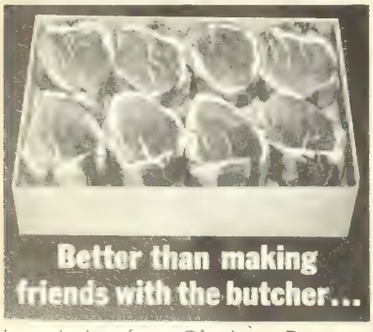
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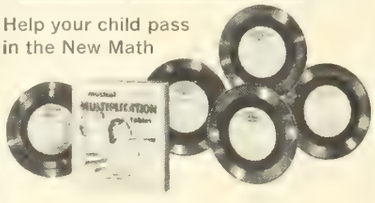
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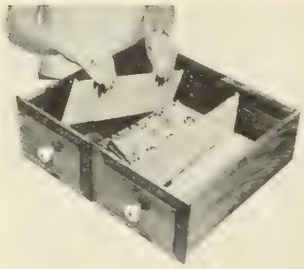
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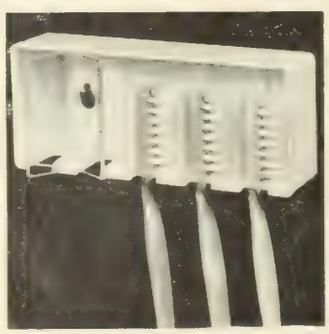
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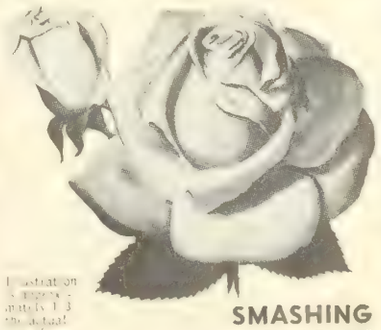
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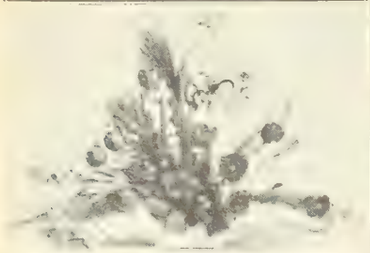
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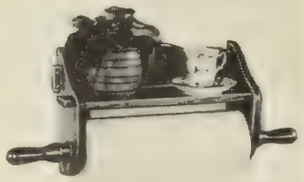
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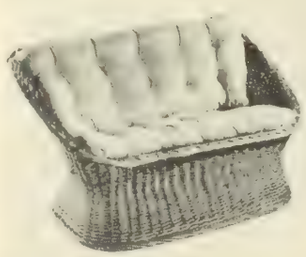
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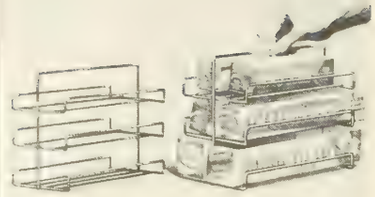
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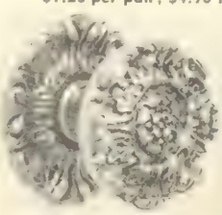
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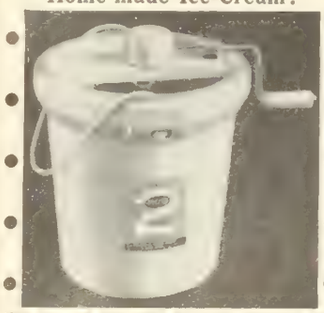
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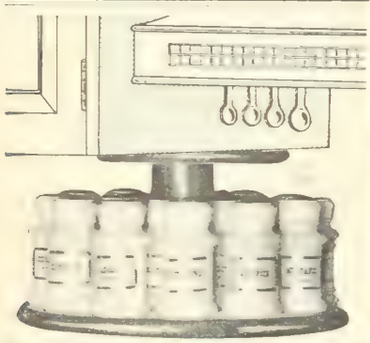


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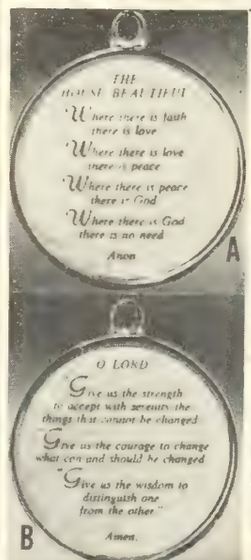
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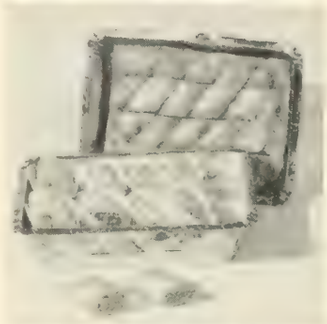
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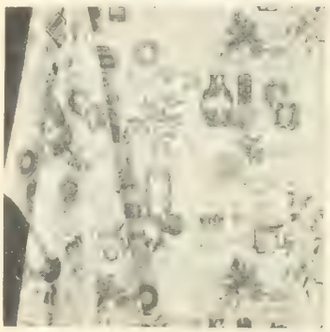
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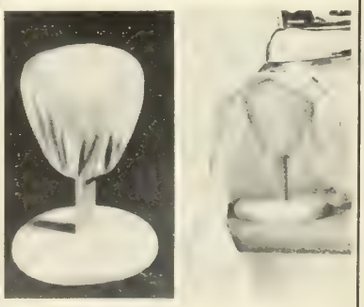
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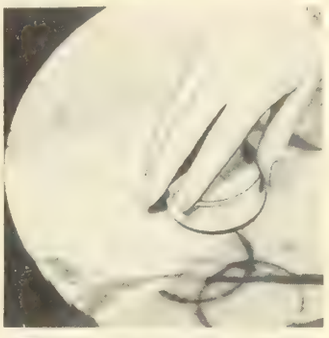
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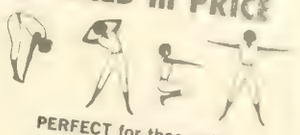


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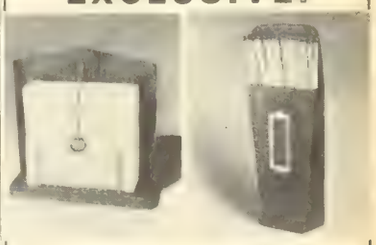
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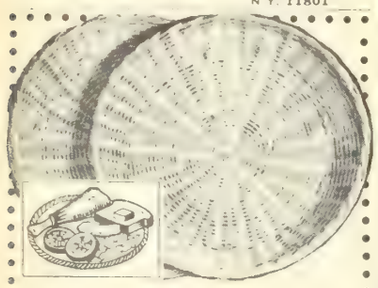
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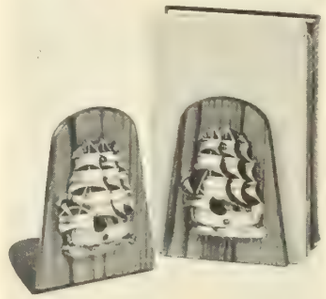
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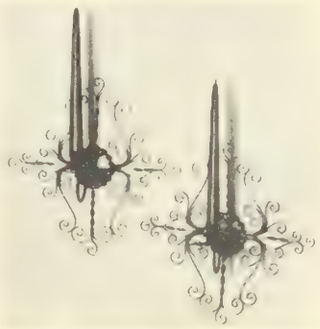
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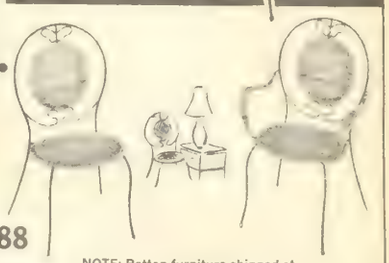


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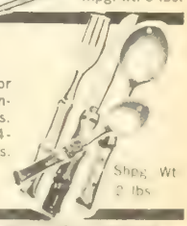
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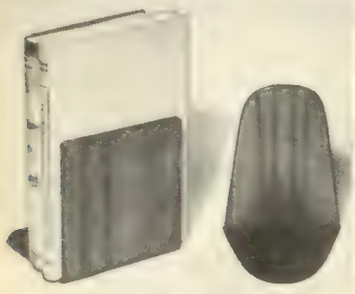
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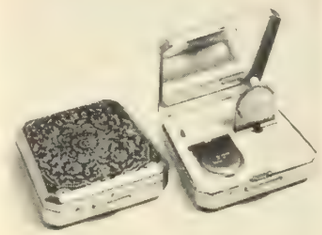
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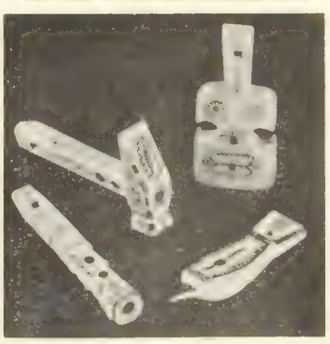
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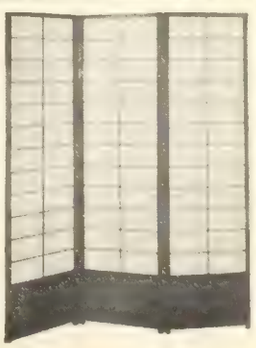
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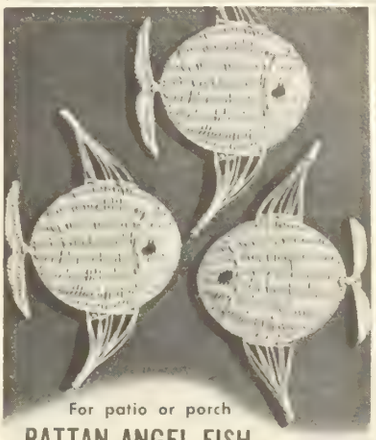


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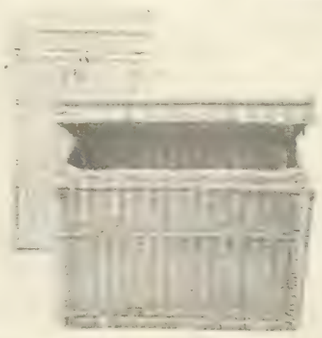
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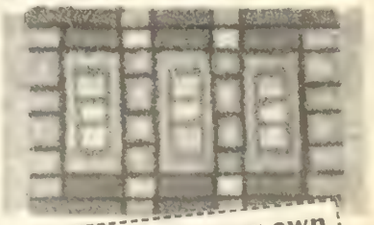
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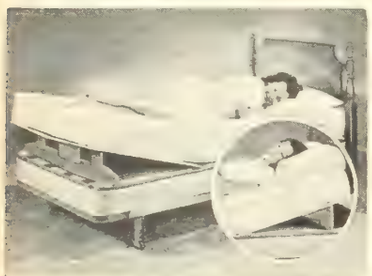
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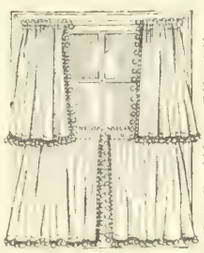
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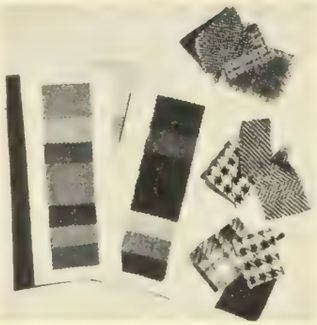
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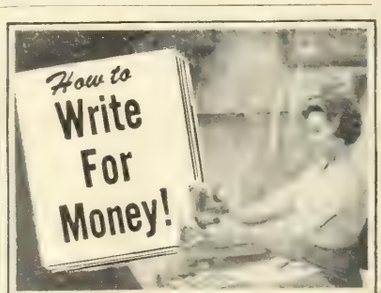
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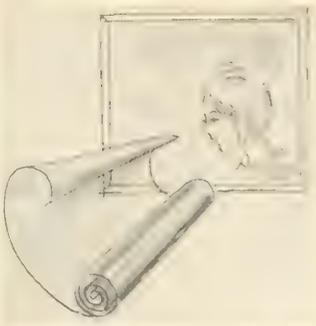
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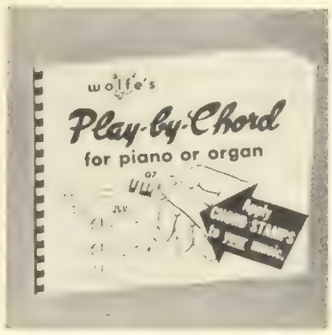


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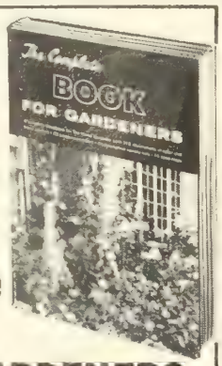
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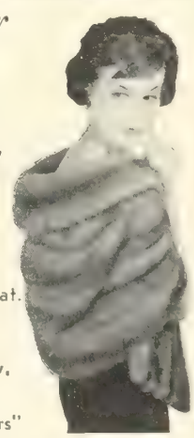


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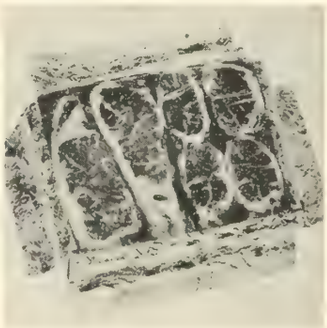
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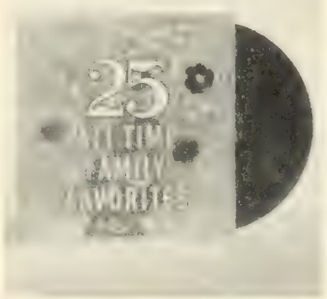
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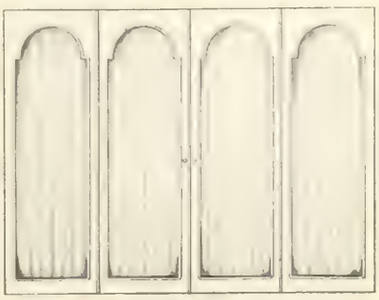
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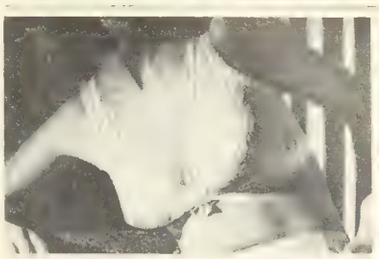


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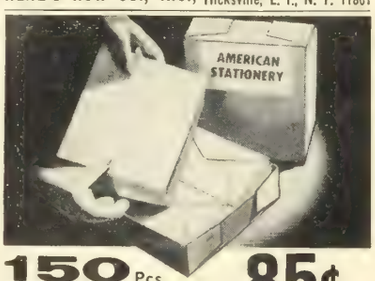
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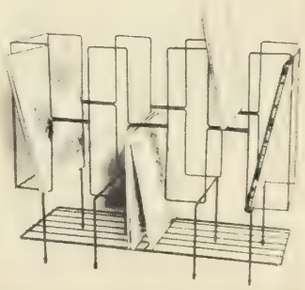
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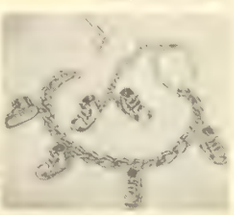
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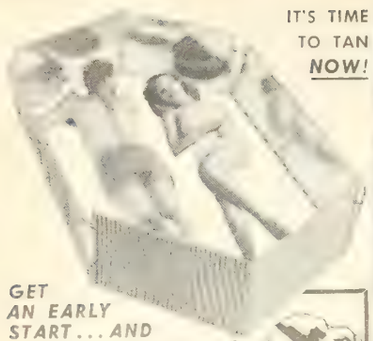
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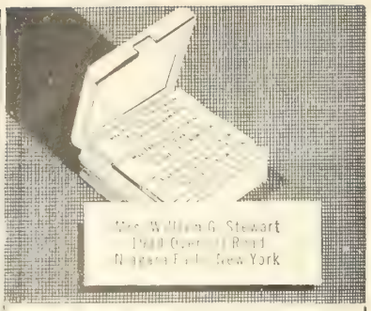
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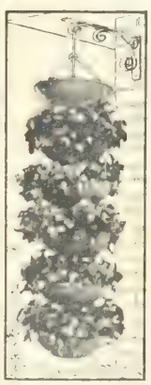
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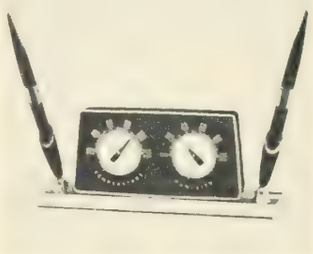
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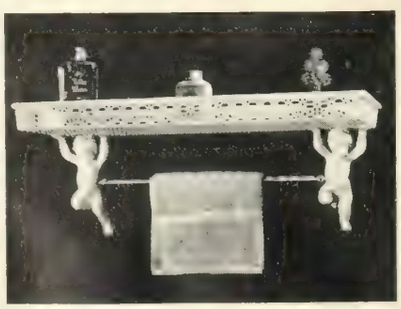
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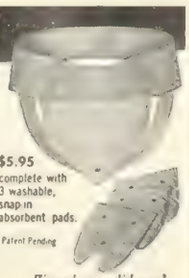


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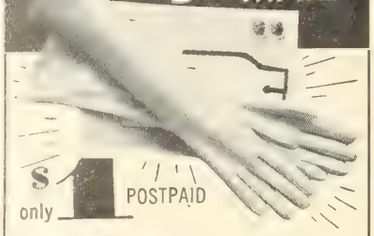
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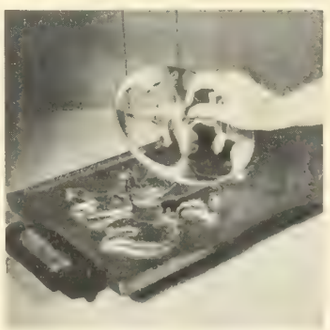
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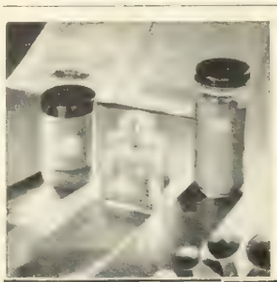
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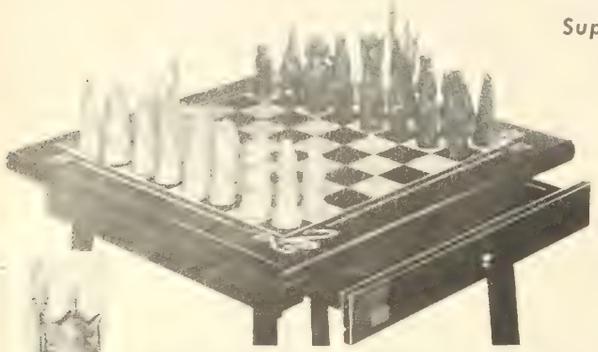
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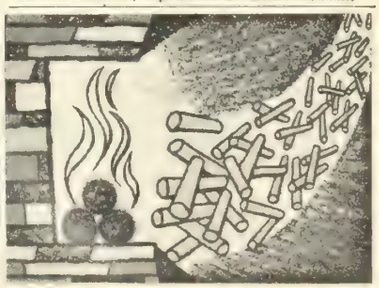
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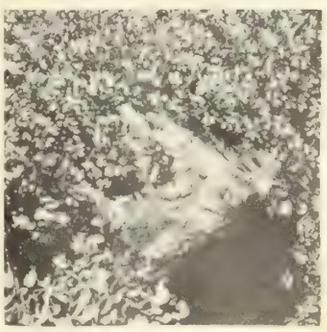
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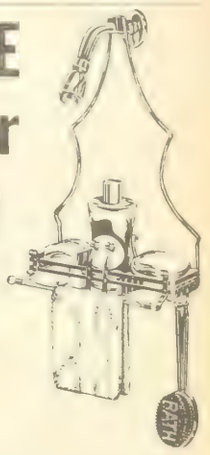
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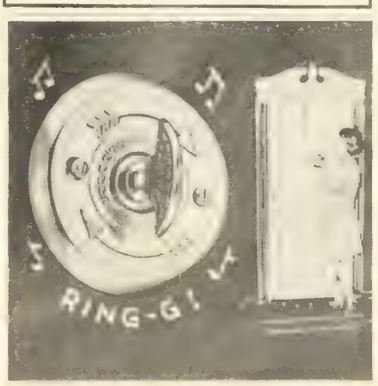
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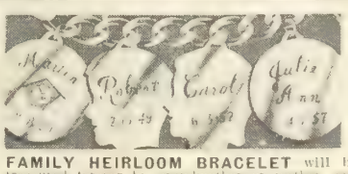
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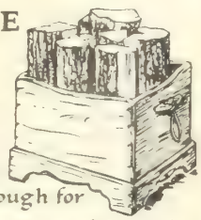
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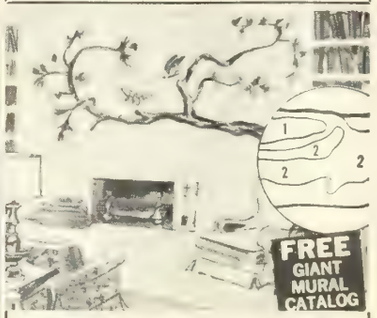
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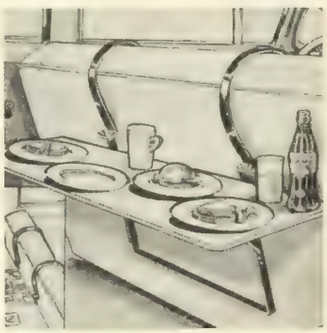
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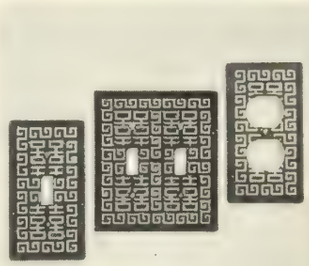
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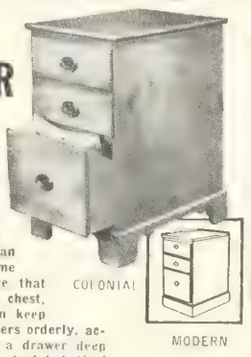
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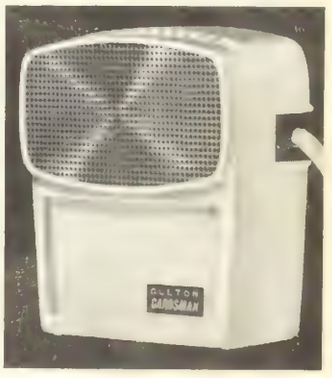
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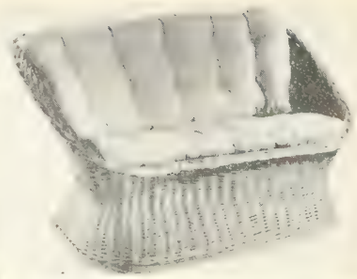
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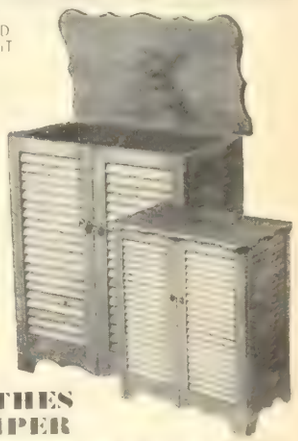
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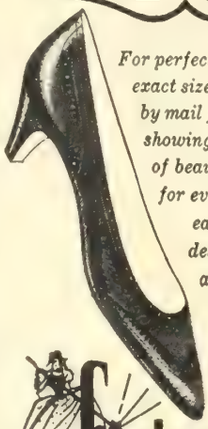
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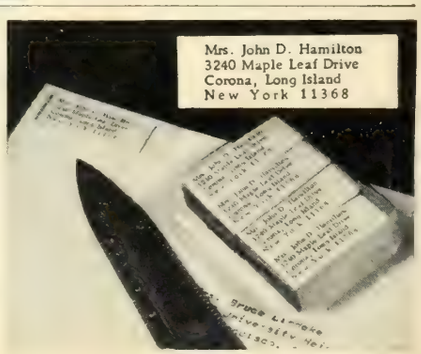


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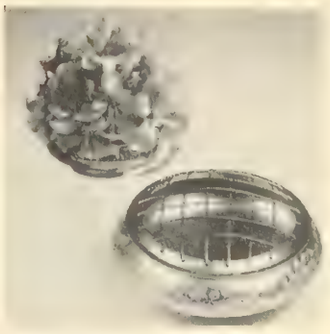
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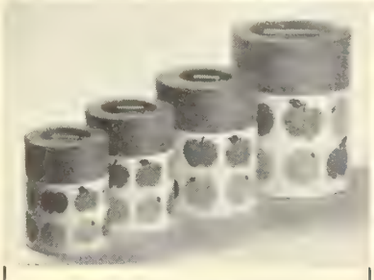
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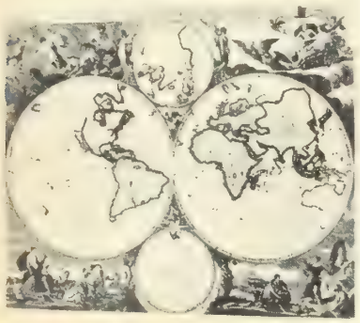


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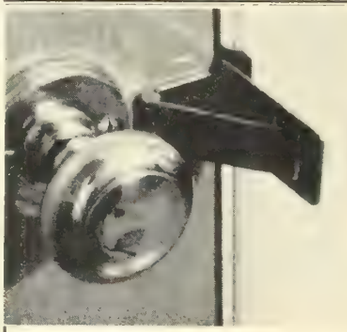
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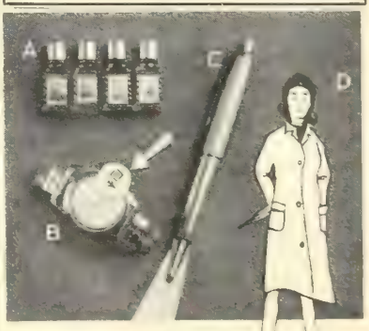
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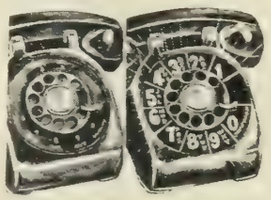
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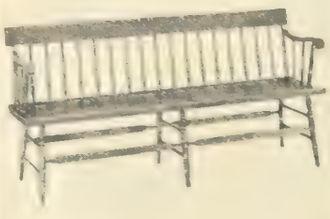
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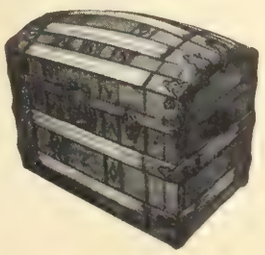


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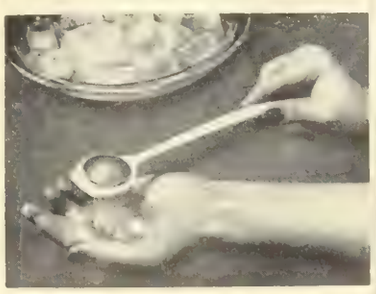


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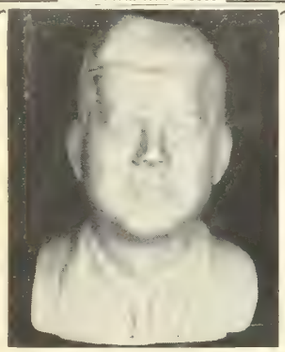
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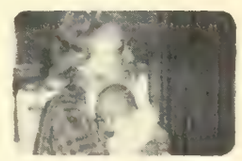
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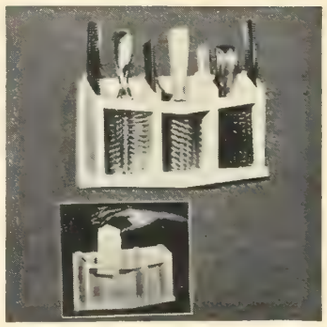
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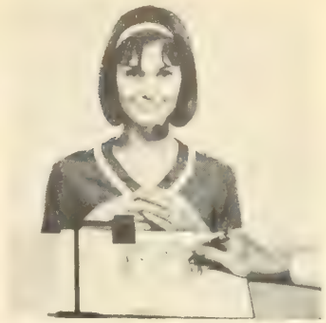
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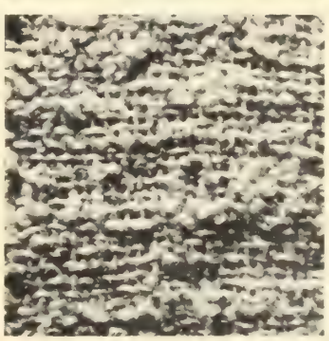
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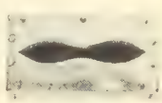
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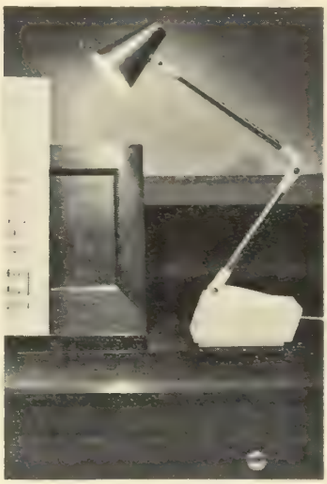
Connoisseur's Corner

Lamps to light the music

Thrifty about their space needs, yet able to produce a high degree of well-directed light, any of these compact lamps would be a splendid choice to illuminate a piano or organ keyboard, spotlight a page of music



A workmanlike lamp of brass and walnut veneer can be adjusted at the top of its stem to shine at the exact angle needed for piano practice. Narrow shade focuses all light on music. Concentrated lighting of this type should always be accompanied by a good over-all light to avoid too sharp contrast with surrounding light level. 19 inches tall. Lightolier.*



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A table lamp with an extra-long stem such as this one is particularly well suited to use on a spinet, since, having a lower over-all height than a console, a spinet needs a taller source of light. The stem is of polished brass or chrome, the base matches or also comes in white marble, walnut or travertine. 26 inches tall. $45. Paul Mayen design for Habitat. From Bloomingdale's.



A wall-mounted lamp swings out above the top of a spinet, keeping the piano surface itself clear. A specially cut length of brass tubing (to cover the electric cord) places the lamp 42 inches off the floor, clearing top of the music stand and keeping the light just above eye level. The lamp comes in either brushed or polished brass or chrome with a white linen shade. By Hansen.*



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A classic bouillotte lamp looks particularly elegant and at home on a grand or baby grand piano. You might even have a pair of these lamps for a particularly graceful balance. Three candles are supported on the chased antique brass base, and two light bulbs are tucked away under the white silk shade. 23 inches tall. By Warren Kessler.*

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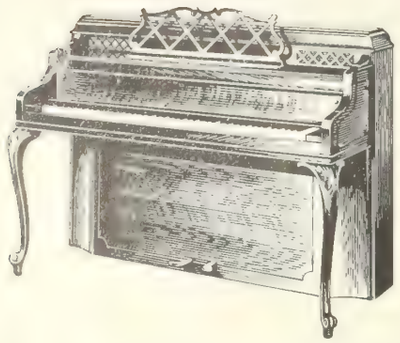
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2 Library stand (see it in action on page 144) made of turned wood that simulates bamboo is ready to be given a faux bamboo finish on its legs, a painted top. With or without casters. 34 inches tall. $90 plus delivery. Magdalany.

3 French Provincial dining table could become the most important piece in a small, plain room, given a faux porphyry or faux marbre top and antiqued legs. The antiquing might be done with the new "Create an Antique" kit (see H&G, December, 1961, page 28) designed by the Isabel O'Neil Studio Workshop. Table, 40 inches diameter. $210. From W & J Sloane.

4 Chest with turned wood trim in bamboo style would look handsome painted with faux bamboo trim and set off with panels of faux tortoise on the drawer fronts. 30 inches high, 33½ inches wide. $229.95. Bloomingdale's.

5 Bombé commode would look rich and elegant for a monochromatic living room finished all over in faux tortoise. Or the commode might be topped with the deep, jeweled colors of faux lapis lazuli and antiqued below. 24½ inches high, 16 inches wide. $89. From W & J Sloane.

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7 Pineapple lamp base would look especially grand and deceptively heavy with a faux marbre finish on the base and faux porphyry on the pineapple itself. 15½ inches high. $76 a pair, express collect. From Havlicek Woodworking Co.

8 Bonnet-top curio cabinet (see one like it, page 145) takes best of all to a faux bois finish—in a rich color, perhaps, for a white-walled room or in pale, blonde tones to lighten a deep-hued library. 23 inches tall. $39.95. From Bloomingdale's.

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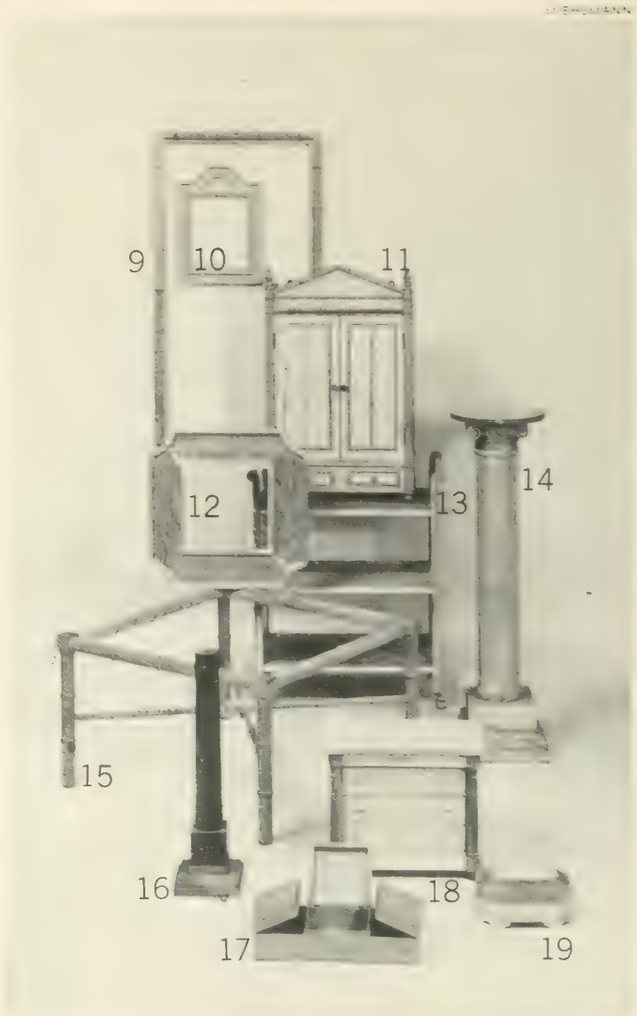
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9 Turned wood mirror frame, if finished in faux bamboo, would add a light and airy note to a deep-hued wall. 45 inches tall. $76 plus delivery. From Magdalany Co.

10 Small mirror frame might be turned into a little treasure for a dressing table if finished with faux porphyry moldings and faux malachite inserts. 17 inches high. $32 express collect. At Ruth Hill English.

11 Miniature armoire, antiqued, then trimmed with faux bamboo, would make an elegant, almost oriental-looking accent for a bureau top. 31 inches tall. $89.95. At Bloomingdale's.

12 Octagonal mirror frame might be finished in faux malachite with faux lapis lazuli molding. 20 inches square. $30 express collect. At Ruth Hill English.

13 Rolling bar cart is ready to finish in faux bamboo. 25 inches wide. $95 plus delivery. Magdalany.

14 Wood pedestal would look like an architectural relic if painted in a variety of faux marbre finishes. 40¾ inches tall. $49.95. From Bloomingdale's.

15 Turned wood table base comes in kit form ready to assemble with no tools, and to finish, appropriately, in faux bamboo. 30 inches square. $23.15. Also comes in dining table base size, $38.88 express collect, and in 20-inch square size. Islander Designs.

16 Column lamp base might be finished in faux malachite or faux lapis lazuli to accent a plain-Jane chairside table. 23 inches high. $44 a pair, express collect. From Havlicek Woodworking Co.

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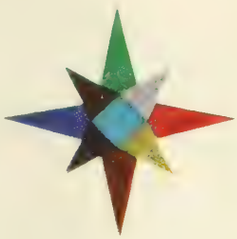
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The POWER of a GOOD PAINTING

A well-worn horror story that used to circulate among self-pitying painters is the one about the woman who walked into a gallery and asked to look at "something in blues and greens to go with my new sofa." The reverse approach is the system adopted by the decorator who earnestly studies a client's painting and carefully extracts from it one color for the walls of the room, another for the rug, a third for the sofa pillows. Whichever is the worse sinner, both share the same premise: that a painting is primarily a decoration.

Some paintings are. And some of the greatest artists in history have produced them—Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, for instance, or Rubens in the churches of Antwerp—although their decorative works were not always their greatest. On the other hand, thousands of paintings never intended to be decorative, nevertheless, cannot be called serious art. If you want to draw a line between a decorative painting and a serious painting, you might say that the latter is the artist's expression of something he has a deep urge to express in a particular manner.

What relation should a serious painting bear to the room in which it is hung? House & Garden believes the answer is unequivocal: no relation whatsoever.

The only legitimate reason for buying a painting is because it does something for you (rather than for your room), because it says something to you. There is no need to think about where you are going to hang it—apart from putting it where it will receive good light and you can look at it often and comfortably. For a good painting is not exclusively visual. It is like a person, and a good person is no less good because of the clothes he wears or the background he stands against. Nor does it matter if the painting's colors violate the theme of its ambiance, any more than it matters whether a friend's voice harmonizes with the splashing of a fountain in the background or the chirping of the birds. Some collectors, in deference to the paintings they own or hope to acquire, make a point of confining their walls and their furnishings to low-keyed unpatterned neutrals. But even that is not called for. Bonnard, for instance, created his masterpieces of radiant color on canvases pinned up, by preference, against florid wallpapers.

One thing you can be sure of: whatever kind of room you start with—discretely neutral or brimming with color—a good painting will change it, will make it come alive as no mere decoration ever could. The vital consideration is not that one should flatter the other, but rather that in buying paintings or any other works of art, you surround yourself with things you truly love.





The bright and lively renaissance of

STRIPES, CHECKS AND POLKA DOTS

in H&G Colors

Older than geometry itself, the stripe, the check and the polka dot were ornamental ABC's when Pythagoras was a boy. The ancient Egyptians, as stylishly dressed as they were housed, handled the stripe as adroitly as Chanel. The Hellenic Greeks painted their vases with dots and squares interlaced with flowers. And much, much later, Victoria's Prince Albert made decorating history by hanging the windows and covering the chairs of Balmoral Castle with Scottish tartans—patterns which might be called a marriage of stripe and check.

Today, after years of relying fairly heavily on floral design for visual diversion, it is refreshing to rediscover so clean-cut and expedient a way to give a room vivacity, alter its scale, supply a stand-in for architectural embellishment and introduce color into a room. Available in a wonderful range of H&G hues, these patterns offer made-to-order means of putting our 1965 spectrum to work. Dashing, too, in black and white, they give you the easiest possible way of accenting a room with sharp segments of blackness and whiteness to pep up its other colors.

The three forms also lend themselves to delightful variation—both in type and scale. The stripe, for example, need no longer be straight as a ruler. It can *wiggle*—right across the room in a serpentine-patterned rug. Thanks to nature, it can also be exotic. Tiger and zebra stripes, even when they are man-made, are a fascinating variation on a geometric theme. But straight or wavy, the stripe can climb walls and chests of drawers and march across ceilings. Mitered, it can drape a table so the stripes fall symmetrically—quite a trick.

The check, too, has stretched its wings. Today, it runs the gamut from pin checks to enormous plaids. Hound's-tooth checks—once confined to the more sporting garments of a gentleman's wardrobe—are now blown up to heroic proportions to make a vividly elegant covering for sofas and chairs. You can confine a checked pattern to a single piece of accent furniture or, if you like, you can use a check to "slipcover" an entire room.

The polka dot pops up in almost any size you can think of, arranged in military precision or tossed about like confetti. In furry versions, it emulates the leopard's spots. You will see polka dots today, textured or smooth, on everything from bedspreads, window shades, co-ordinated sheets and towels to tableware, pots and pans. (For a sampling of these as well as new bearers of checks and stripes, see the leopard-guarded potpourri on page 120.)

Being abstract, the three forms are utterly compatible with one another, and can be used as a trio without fear of one pattern clashing with the next, and they are amenable to any medium—fabric, paint, paper, tile, fur. As you will see in the sixteen rooms that begin on the *opposite page,* the stripe, check and polka dot are worthy of a pattern-loving heart.

Stripes of two varieties, polka dots and checks prove how friendly they can be even in a small living room—and how well they take to a few bright accents. Pale rug with tri-color border and perimeter arrangement of the furniture keep the small space from looking crowded. Interior design by Edward M. Benesch for Peter A. Levy. H&G Colors: Tangerine, Antique Gold.

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One stripe used three ways—laminated to window shades, mitered for a table cover, worked in patchwork for cushions—spells bright and easy summer zip. Come fall, for a warm change, a red rug replaces the green. Painting from the Rive Gauche Gallery. H&G's Citrus Green, Cyclamen, Tiger Lily and Jade stripes. Fern rug.



One gingham check used everywhere gives a bedroom great unity. camouflages its size and lack, even means you can use the dormer storage cabinets which are built around the window. Interior design by Burt Wayne for Anne Klein. Check and rug in H&G's Empire Green.



Opposite page:

Bold polka dots paired in two coinings of black and whiteness make a spectacular foil for two intense colors. Brand new concept of wall-to-wall luxury: carpeting of thrifty sisal, rubber-backed. H&G Color: Red Apple in carpeting and on wall.



A textured version of the polka dot—our old friend, dotted swiss—stirs up an elegant flurry in a bedroom, *above*. Used with Edwardian extravagance, the filmy fabric has two apt and sturdy companions—polka-dot sheets and, for the chaise, a checkerboard throw. H&G Color: Cyclamen in two values.

Right:

Striped wallpaper, glossy as leather, inspires a rich-as-Croesus color scheme for a bedroom. Regal note: freestanding, brass-mounted canopy. Interior design: Blair Catterton for Altman's. H&G Colors: Curry, Fern, Clay Beige, Purple Iris.



Far right:

Gingham checks, a block plaid and a tartan provide marvelous visual variety to balance the hot impact of one color relieved only by black. Interior design by Angelo Donghia of Yale R. Burge. H&G Color: Red Apple.



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DRAWINGS BY HEILEMANN

STRIPES, CHECKS AND POLKA DOTS *continued*



Painted stripes on furniture add up to easy, inexpensive (you do it yourself) gaiety. Colored tape or striped wallpaper could do the same job. H&G Colors: Fern stripes, Lemon Peel rug.



Checked wallpaper creates a swagged treillage overhead, another at the windows to set off a larger-than-life floral pattern. Interior design: James Childs Morse for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tomlinson Jr. H&G Colors: Jade, Delphinium, Bristol Blue, Fern and Empire Green.



Regimental stripes on paper make an elegant tent of a square room, *left,* inspired by Napoleon's study at Malmaison. Underfoot, the leopard flaunts his spots. Interior design: W & J Sloane. H&G Colors: Butterscotch, Clay Beige.



King-size checks on king-size chairs in a garden room-dining room anchor all the color in one spot, leave the diners' eyes quite free to enjoy the room's changeable embellishment—flowers. H&G Color: Blueberry Blue.

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Gargantuan hound's-tooth checks on a single sofa are vivid enough to vie with two brilliant, pungent colors, make them quite agreeable to live with. Interior design: Barbara D'Arcy for Bloomingdale's. H&G Colors: Tangerine, Ultramarine Blue.

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Polka dots on stripes blazon a new shower curtain paired with precisely dotted, bordered towels. Rug's tiger stripes come straight from the jungle. H&G Colors: Lemon Peel, Tiger Lily.



Striped trickery: a plaid's colors echoed in the rug, but more intensely—neat way to "lower" the floor in a low-ceilinged room. Interior design: Emily Malino Associates. H&G Colors: Cyclamen, Red Apple, Peppermint Pink, Blueberry Blue.

Right:

Stripes banded and strewn with flowers (a pretty twist) make a bedroom a monument to the versatility of printed percale. All of it except the window shade (which you buy) began as a sheet. Interior design by Paul Krauss for Pepperell. H&G Colors: Cyclamen, Red Apple.

Left:

Huge polka dots inlaid in stripe formation in a vinyl floor conjure up new zip for designer Bill Miller's rejuvenated kitchen. H&G Color: Curry.





Stripes, checks and polka dots

FOR EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE

This striped, checked and polka-dotted mélange will give you a tantalizing inkling of what is to be had, store-and-country wide, by way of geometric pattern. In one wonderful swoop, you can arrange to pillow your head on checkered percale, stow your sugar in a polka-dot canister, keep track of the time of day with a striped clock. And if only a live leopard will make you happy, he, too, is for sale. To track down every item, what it costs, where to get it, turn to page 181.





A HOUSE LACED WITH LIGHT

The art of manipulating light has been a concern of countless architects from the builders of Rome's open-dome Pantheon to our own contemporary, Le Corbusier. The room-wide glass wall is only one of the expedients some of them have tried. There are other more subtle means, many of which are demonstrated in Mr. and Mrs. Clint Thompson's house in Modesto, Calif.—a house not flooded but deftly laced with light.

In designing the house, the Thompsons' architect, Joseph Esherick, had to cope with a number of conflicting circumstances: Modesto's weather can be very warm at times in summer and cold in winter. The site—a former apricot orchard—is on a corner bounded by two rather well-traveled streets, yet the Thompsons wanted privacy for outdoor as well as indoor living. They also wanted easy indoor-outdoor circulation for informal summer parties as well as a separate and closeable dining room for more formal entertaining in winter.

Some of the means architect Esherick adopted to reconcile these conflicts also contribute to the beneficent quality of the light. Only one room has a room-wide wall of glass—the garden room, *below*—but it serves, as a garden room should, to bring added light and airiness to all the rooms around it. And almost every room has at least one pair of sliding glass doors, all of them 10 feet high. These are complemented by less common light control devices: A colonnaded loggia creates transitions of semi-shade in summer between the air-cooled indoors and the sweltering outdoors, yet it does not impede the lower sun in winter. And the house has nineteen skylights, many placed directly over or close to doorways and raised above the roof, so that they create curtains of light between the rooms. Thus when daylight begins to fade and the side windows darken, there is still light from overhead, a mysterious light whose source you cannot see.

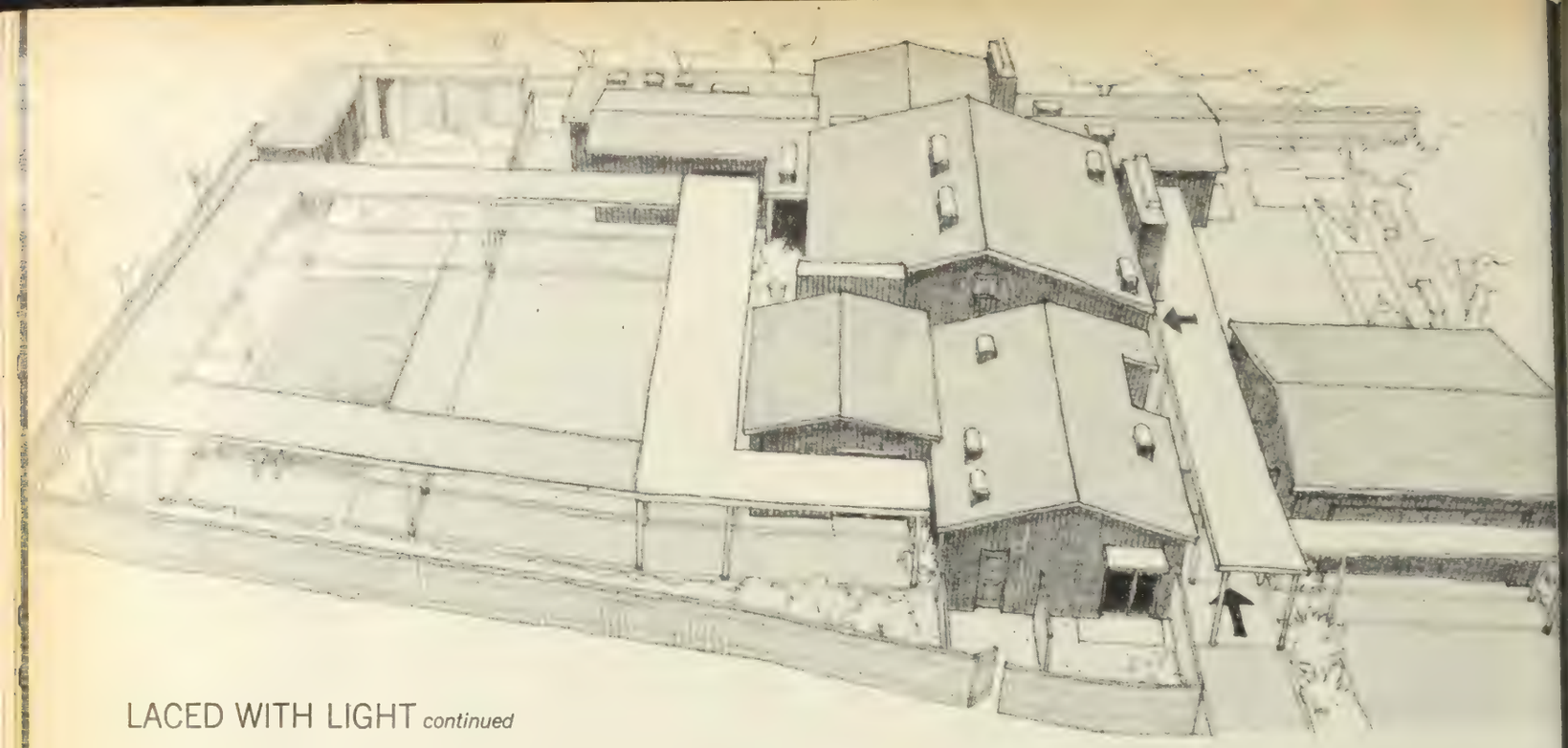
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Delightful patterns of light and shade are created by the colonnaded loggia, *left*, that borders two walls of the house and surrounds the swimming pool and lawn. Pillars are concrete, poured in a mold that gives them a spiral pattern. Three sides of the loggia are trellised overhead; the fourth, outside the garden room and dining room (see plan, page 124), has a solid roof. In warm weather, the Thompsons' entertaining is centered in this outdoor area. And their grandchildren—their married daughter's brood of five, who live some blocks away—like to stop by after school for a swim.



The glass-walled, slate-floored garden room, *right*, parallels the covered section of the loggia and opens the house to the south—a vital measure in this climate where winter daylight sometimes has to penetrate fog. Flanked on the left by the paneled living room (see page 126), the garden room serves as an airy transition to the open loggia. From the study door at one end, you can look down the length of the 38-foot room into the dining room, but tall fold-back doors can close it off completely.





LACED WITH LIGHT *continued*



N. SIEGEL

From the air, the Thompsons' rambling one-story house looks like a group of several houses, since each room or area has its own skylight-studded roof. Roofs of entrance colonnade and columned loggia are joined to house in some places, but free of it in others to allow light to slip through. The exterior walls are natural-finish vertical redwood boarding with a dark stained trim. Two outdoor areas—one around the pool, the other screened by the garage—are so closely integrated with the house that it is hard to imagine it without them. Even the pool house and Mrs. Thompson's potting shed (she is a tireless and knowledgeable gardener) are like additional rooms.

The plan of the house itself, *left*, achieves a satisfying balance between openness necessary for free circulation and closability for privacy. You enter through a pair of bronze gates under the colonnade. At its center is the front door opening into the broad foyer between living room and kitchen.

Early morning sunlight sparkles on the outdoor dining area on the east side of the house, *opposite page*. But it is sheltered by an extension of the roofed part of the loggia. Sliding glass door opens directly to the dining room, and off to the right is a door leading through the laundry to the kitchen. An iron garden urn, topped with a round of black marble, makes the dining table.

OWNERS: *Mr. and Mrs. Clint Thompson*
ARCHITECTS: *Joseph Esherick and Associates*
INTERIOR DESIGNER: *Andrew Delfino*
LOCATION: *Modesto, Calif.*
SIZE: *House, 3,650 square feet. Garage, 616 square feet*





The living room always looks cool in summer because of its elegantly high (11-foot) ceilings and doorways. But in winter, the warmth of wood paneling—bleached hemlock—counters the gray chill outdoors. Above doorways to garden rooms are skylight-capped wells of light (also in garden room ceiling just inside door to lagoia) that brightens the room without exposing it to direct sun. Rug is set into a shallow recess in floor to make its surface flush with surrounding slate.



On the other side of the room a lacy screen from India of silver, ivory and mother-of-pearl shimmers over a fireplace precisely framed in black marble. Rugs and fabrics—velvet on tub chairs and Italian cane chairs, linen brocade on sofa—are in the low-keyed colors that prevail throughout the house. To the left of the fireplace is the room's only "window"—sliding doors opening to the end of the entrance colonnade.



The study, a quiet spot between the Thompsons' bedroom and the guest room, has an air of snug containment despite its two sets of glass doors. (Those at right face one end of shuffleboard court, *bottom of page;* the others open to a strip at edge of site luxuriantly planted with camellias and magnolias.) When closed, the fold-back louvered doors (used throughout house instead of curtains) make the room seem warmer, even more secluded. Floor is dark stained pecan.



In the hemlock-paneled wall opposite the bookshelves, a series of flush doors open to a built-in arrangement of TV and music components and a two-way bar which is accessible on the other side from one corner of the garden room. Above these a meticulously detailed wood grille screens stereo speakers. (Music is piped throughout house and outdoors to pool.) Red and gold motifs in the white rug plus the medley of colors in the book wall accent furnishings that are otherwise white, black or in wood tones.



The outdoor living area on the north side of the house is bounded by a terrazzo shuffleboard court which is also excellent for dancing. Most of the planting on the site—including a score of apricot trees scrupulously preserved by the site plan and many citrus trees in tubs—is architectural in character, serving as privacy screens, space dividers, light filters. Section of colonnade outside living room is used as a porch.

The master bedroom opens on one side to the loggia with its ever changing patterns of light and shade, and on the other to Mrs. Thompson's garden. This room is one of the few in the house where whites and off-whites are relieved by colors. The "armoire," consisting of an antique door and a cabinet newly built to fit, encloses TV as well as shelves for books, magazines. For more pictures of this house, see page 174





In the great gardens of Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C.

Nature joins art and artifice

"Age," wrote Cleopatra's most famous biographer, "cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety." A similar tribute could be paid the classic landscape styles in which the gardens of Dumbarton Oaks were created during earlier decades of this century. On every hand as you wander, bemused, down the steep slopes of these sixteen acres above Washington's Rock Creek, you find landscape themes of the most traditional grandiloquence varied with displays of gay and almost antic spirit. Here the "glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome" are reflected in tablets of starchy Latin prose and the Euclidian shapes of formal parterres. In almost the same breath, so to speak, an adjoining garden repeats the airiest curves, the most inconsequential conceits of design that an age of baroque elegance could inspire. The brooding beauty of fine plants, fondly placed and superbly grown, provides basic unity.

Acquired sixty years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, both of whom played important parts in the nation's diplomatic and cultural life, Dumbarton Oaks has been gradually transformed into a museum for objects of pre-Columbian and Byzantine art as well as a center for the study and enjoyment of horticulture. Its garden library is excelled by few in this country. (Gardens and museums aside, the house has given its name to political history as well: the Dumbarton Oaks conference of 1944 presaged the formation of the United Nations.)

Under the guidance of Harvard University, its trustees, Dumbarton Oaks, the institution, grants annually several fellowships in landscape design. The basic design for most of the present gardens (the estate itself dates back to 1801) was the work of the late great Beatrix Farrand, who could scarcely have encountered clients more sympathetic with her special kind of horticultural magic. Mrs. Bliss, although she now lives elsewhere, is in watchful attendance almost daily during the garden season. Here and on the two following pages are some of the special delights of the Dumbarton Oaks gardens.



The sentimental reflecting pool forms an embellished oval at the foot of a classic amphitheatre far down the Rock Creek slope. As in any outstanding example of landscaping art, the secret of its innate quality can be admired, emulated, but never successfully described.

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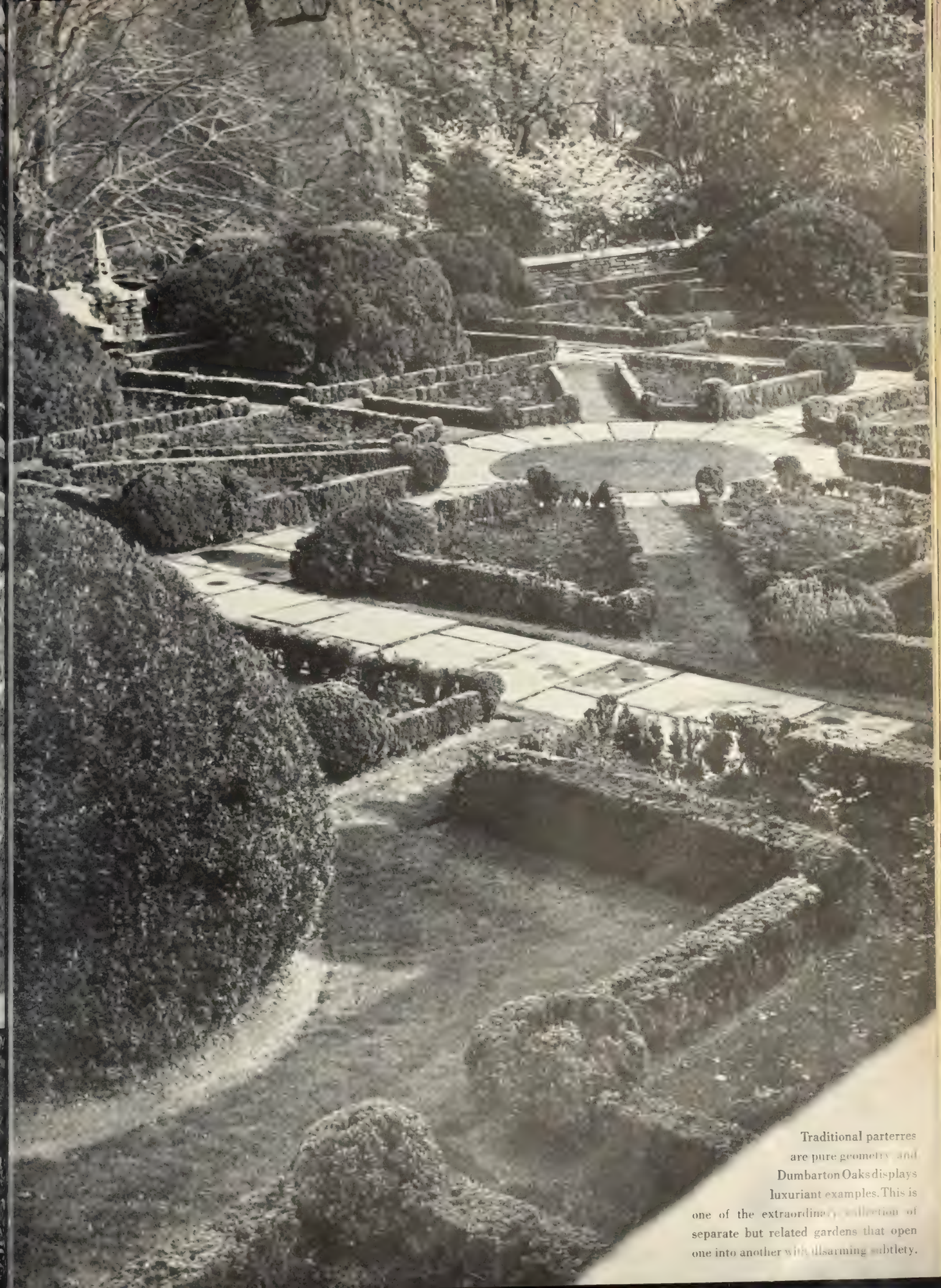


Truly romantic swimming pools have been largely superseded by the merely glamorous—or the simply utilitarian. At Dumbarton Oaks, *opposite page*, in Washington's blossom-decked spring, the marble-rimmed pool seems almost too beautiful for swimming, the mirrored willow not to be disturbed.

Fanciful, seemingly casual and even nostalgic, this leafy corner of the gardens is set beneath a friendly tree. The scallop-roofed gazebo and ivy-covered criss-cross trellis appear to be where they are just because they are beautiful. If beauty is its own inalienable reward, this is reason enough.

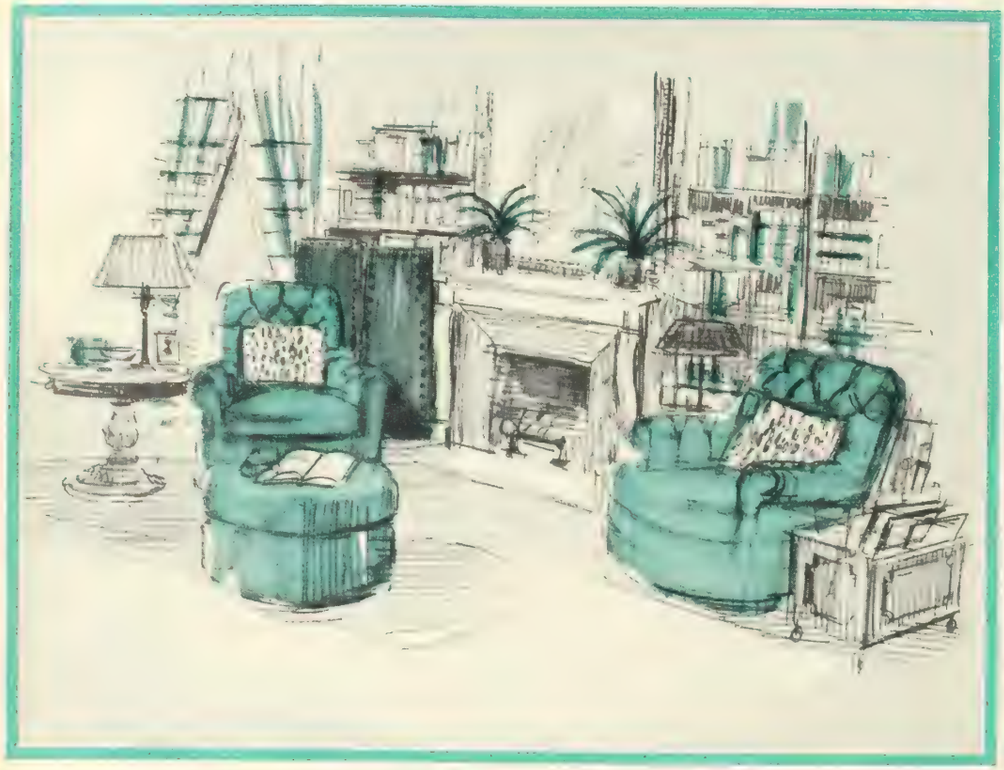


The amicable meeting of the florid and the geometric in landscape design was all a part of the classical spirit that stemmed first from France and Italy, then from England. In Dumbarton Oaks, the fantastic pebble-and-water garden fills what was formerly a tennis court.



Traditional parterres are pure geometry and Dumbarton Oaks displays luxuriant examples. This is one of the extraordinary collection of separate but related gardens that open one into another with disarming subtlety.

H&G's current color hit: JADE



In a book-lined study, two tufted-and-buttoned armchairs and a companion ottoman, all upholstered to the ears in Jade vinyl, give the rest of the furnishings a new and vernal lease on life. A touch of Jade at the window would make a nice little echo. Naugahyde upholstery by U. S. Rubber.



In a kitchen paneled in whitewashed barn siding, ceiling and floor sport the famous old Meissen Onion pattern, but in Jade rather than blue. For a bridge between the two areas of pattern, a solid Jade tablecover. Howard & Schaffer vinyl floor and wallcoverings; Fallani & Cohn linen.

Already, Jade, the tropical blue-green H&G introduced last September, has become what the court of King Edward VII liked to call a reigning favorite. One of the new "bright lights" and happy with most of the spectrum's hues, Jade is truly magical with the other blues and the greens—the yellow-greens especially. And it is available now in the full gamut of a room's furnishings—everything from rugs and towels to wallcoverings and vinyl tiles. Here are five ways Jade can knit up the ravell'd sleave of room fatigue



On the terrace: two stripes—one broad and bold for an awning, one narrower for painted chairs—supply both shade and Jade and turn the swimming pool into the Mediterranean. For coffee, mugs enameled in marbleized Jade and white. John Boyle vinyl-coated duck; Azuma enamelware; chairs by Telescope Folding Furniture.



In a green garden room, a Jade area rug on a neutral terrazzo floor makes the best man-made greensward you can buy. Companion coolers: Jade pillows, a whacking big lamp and the welting on the crenelated flaps of the white duck slipcovers. Masland rug: Wellington Sears duck; Cohama welting; Lange & Williams lamp.



To a bathroom, taffeta-textured, gingham-checked vinyl wallcovering overprinted with posies brings a breath of spring air. Shower curtain, identically patterned, hangs in a Jade-tiled tub enclosure from which the bather steps to a Jade rug to reach, with cool consistency, for a Jade towel. Wallcovering by Louis Bowen; curtain fabric by Kent-Bragaline; carpeting by Carter; Fieldcrest bath towels.

For shopping information, see



Two great parties with a new idea

The newest trend in party giving is to shun the hit-or-miss evening that shapes up according to the mood of the moment and the congeniality of the guests in favor of a gala meal plus a bonus—some form of prearranged entertainment to serve as the focus of the evening or its climax. The entertainment might be any of a number of diversions —discothéque dancing, a private movie screening, bridge, a round of games. The success of a party plus depends not only on your pre-party planning, but also on your smooth and seemingly unobtrusive management of the evening's agenda. Since the entertainment will probably be scheduled for after dinner, you will want each course of the meal to follow the last at a fairly quick pace. So plan a menu that does not involve last-minute preparations. Otherwise you will not get to the promised plus until some of the guests are beginning to think of the long drive home. Another good strategy is to set aside a specific place in which to stage the entertainment. If possible, try to keep the living room unencumbered by card tables, movie projectors or other paraphernalia. If you have an ample entrance foyer or a largish library, you can set up all your equipment well ahead of time. That will preserve the good order of your living room so that your guests will have a serene place to sit during intermission or at the end of the evening, and the women will have a flattering background for their long party dresses. For movies, of course, you will have to provide comfortable seats for everyone since no one will relish having to perch on a hard stool for a two-hour program. Solicitude for your guests' physical comforts, however, should not preclude your taking the time to compile a well-thought-out guest list. For certain kinds of entertainment like bridge, you would certainly be well-advised to invite only proven zealots. The party will lose its point and certainly its pleasure if you have to pry people away from the dinner table and compel them to settle down unwillingly for a game of cards.

MOVIE PARTY '1'

A private screening is the newest party plus. You can rent films, borrow or buy them, and your program might be anything from a full-length feature to a group of controversial shorts that some of your guests have missed. The menu—as at the Thomas E. Gallaghers' movie party—might center around one succulent main dish, with dessert postponed until intermission

Comfortably settled around the living room after dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gallagher's guests [illegible] the showing of Carson Davidson's "3rd Ave El"—an evocative 16mm documentary of the elevated railway that [illegible]erked and rattled above New York City's Third Avenue. For glimpses of the other stages of this party, please turn the page.

TOM YEE

MOViE PARTY '1'

"I love to give a movie party," says Mrs. Gallagher; "it gives guests something to look forward to, something to discuss before going home." Her theory was admirably proved at a party she and her husband gave recently at their house in Brooklyn Heights. N. Y. The featured attraction was the award-winning 16mm short, "Help! My Snowman's Burning Down," made by Carson Davidson, who was one of the guests. But the party extended, with spur-of-the-moment enthusiasm on everybody's part, into a full evening's screening of additional shorts.

Behind the success of the party lay a superb plan which guaranteed that the serving of drinks and dinner and the setting up of the pocket-handkerchief theatre would all proceed without a hitch. The guests—including Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ross, Mrs. Robert Gessner, Mrs. Virginia Frankel and Mr. Gene Callahan as well as Mr. Davidson—were invited for 7:30, which allowed enough time for fairly unhurried drinks and the first two courses of dinner before starting the movies around 9:00.

The floor-through living room in the Gallaghers' remodeled brownstone has two separate sitting areas centered around two fireplaces. Taking advantage of this division, Mrs. Gallagher decided that dinner and the movies would be staged at the end of the room nearest the kitchen and that dessert would be served during intermission at the other end of the room to give her guests a change of scene.

She planned her menu carefully both for easy advance preparation and for easy serving so there would be no last-minute waits. A first course of mixed hors d'oeuvres—raw vegetables with a dip, slices of quiche lorraine, little hot shrimp puffs—was passed around by a waiter while the guests were having cocktails. When it was time for dinner, a flock of small folding tables, each skirted in pink or orange felt, was brought in. Each guest had his own and on it was set a tray with silver and the main course—beef bourguignonne in individual bright red casseroles. Buttered bread and a finger salad of sliced red and green peppers and fennel were passed separately. The guests sat on low hassocks with the little tables herded together into a rough U shape—an arrangement unplanned by the hostess, but motivated by the fact that everyone was talking so animatedly.

When dinner was over, the tables were whisked away, the lights were turned off and the first reels of the movie began to roll—all of which involved practically no time lapse since the screen was already in place in one corner of the room and the projector had been loaded in advance.

After an hour or so came the intermission for dessert, coffee and post-film discussion at the other end of the living room. A table had already been set up with everything necessary for the final course. The dessert itself—puff paste rings filled with whipped cream and piled with strawberry fluff—had only to be removed from the refrigerator at the last minute. When everyone had finished, they returned eagerly to the other end of the room to wind up the evening with more movies.

The makings of a movie party—film prints, projector and screen—are all remarkably easy to lay hands on today since the idea of having movies at home is constantly luring more and more aficionados. For clues to tracking down movies and equipment for rent or sale, you might consult your local photographic supply store.

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Left to right: Host mixes drinks at handy wall bar; waiter passes tray of crisp, raw vegetables during main course—then basket of bread.







The first act of the Gallaghers' movie party was centered in one spot to expedite the progress of the meal. Cocktails and the first course were served around a coffee table which was supplanted by a bevy of little tables for dinner. Later, guests had only to swivel around on their hassocks to face the movie screen.







The individual felt-covered dinner tables, *left*, were easily arranged in a congenial grouping for general conversation. After the first reels of movies, the guests wandered to the other end of the living room, *above*, for a change of atmosphere. There, they found the dessert, *below*—a lavish, festive concoction that wound up the meal with a flourish—as well as champagne cooling in an ice bucket and coffee kept hot in a huge electrified samovar, *right*. Contributing to the pretty, welcoming look of the dessert table: Lunt's "Colonial Theme" sterling silver and Paul A. Straub's "Exquisit" champagne glasses and "Mandalay" Bavarian china.



BRIDGE PARTY '9'

The bonus of a gala dinner party might be bridge. Frequently ten carefully chosen guests, each an avid player, enjoy a game at the Raymond A. Helsels' where ingenious strategy and switchabout furniture make it possible to stage both dinner and bridge in the foyer

When the Raymond A. Helsels give a dinner-plus-bridge party, they resolutely observe two rules to ensure the success of the evening. One is to ask only guests who really *want* to play bridge. They even consider both halves of each couple—"because it's no fun to go to a party and be forced into an activity you don't enjoy." Their other rule is to keep the bridge tables out of sight until the moment comes to play. Nothing gives an apartment a more disrupted, uninviting look, they feel, than a lot of bridge tables scattered around the living room.

On one occasion H&G was on hand to watch the progress of the party. The host and hostess plus the guests—Mr. and Mrs. James Kridel, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Biallo, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lawrence, Mrs. Elise Corey, Mrs. Mary Biddle Flagg, Mr. Birge Thompson and Mr. Gustavus Ober—made up three tables of four for both dinner and bridge. Since the Helsels' apartment has a large entrance foyer, they put it to use for the two stages of a party. As soon as the last guest had arrived, special table pedestals which interior designer Marjorie Helsel had designed herself were moved into place in the foyer and capped with round marbleized tops. The waitress then set the scene for dinner while the guests had cocktails in the adjoining living room. Each table was laid with glasses and silver, a charming consumable centerpiece of red wine in bottles shaped like bunches of grapes, and the first course—an escabeche of shrimp.

Dinner progressed in several stages specifically planned to make it easy to serve twelve with the least possible time lag. After the first course, the waitress came to clear the tables and the guests moved into the dining room, which is on the other side of the foyer, but too tiny to seat more than six. There, the dining table was set up buffet fashion so the guests could help themselves from the varied assortment of main-course dishes: a cold filet de boeuf in aspic, a hot saucisson en croûte garnished with tiny pastry boats filled with different kinds of mustards, a hot potato salad, an endive salad, artichoke bottoms stuffed with asparagus tips and topped with velouté sauce. Everyone carried his plate back to a table in the foyer, then stayed put for dessert—raspberry sherbet garnished with raspberries.

After dinner, everyone returned to the living room where Mr. Helsel presided over his specialty—coffee flamed with rum or brandy. He also switched on the phonograph, already stacked with a selection of non-vocal, light music that continued all through the bridge game. (The Helsels are convinced that background music during bridge helps concentration by keeping down the chatter and giving the "dummy" something to listen to.) In the meantime, Mrs. Helsel with the help of the waitress performed another quick scene-change in the foyer. Off came the round tops and on went square felt-covered tops for bridge. To eliminate the clutter that usually accumulates on a bridge table, a child's standing blackboard was set up beside each table for the score, and each player was given a little lacquered tray to hold cigarettes, matches, ashtray and a glass. When the game started, another Helsel rule went into effect: The "dummy" at each bridge table made drinks for his quartet.

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In foyer, when guests arrived, candelabra stood on the three pedestals later capped with round tops for dinner, square tops for bridge.







For the bridge tabletops, bright green felt was specially picked to go with the green, black and white scheme of the adjoining living room. Thus, even the most impromptu party arrangement blends visually with the rest of the surroundings so that guests never feel as if they are in an uncomfortably makeshift setting.







The buffet table, above, was a festive array of hot and cold dishes easy for self-service. Since everything in the apartment shares the same basic color scheme, even the Minton china in the "Hanover" pattern banded with H&G's Jade green becomes part of the over-all color effect. Other party sparklers: Baccarat crystal goblets and Reed & Barton's "Francis First" sterling silver on the individual dining tables, above *right*, and Reed & Barton's "Hampton Court" silver serving pieces on the buffet table, *left*. For flaming coffee in the living room, *right*, more of the same Minton china.





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FANTASY FINISHES AT WORK

The crowning pleasure of creating a trompe l'oeil finish is the splendor your completed work can bring to a room

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Two kinds of fantasy finishes give importance to a once prosaic bookcase wall in Mr. and Mrs. Bram Goldsmith's living room. The flat, undecorated woodwork around the bookshelves and door were painted with fake columns of faux porphyry and embellished in corners with faux marbre inserts. Cabinets below shelves were bordered with black paint, each door centered with faux marbre insert. Interior designers: Frank Austin and Bill Lane of William Tishman, Inc.

A faux bois finish on all the woodwork gives a feeling of cohesiveness to the diverse contents of a bed-sitting room in the apartment of interior designer John Rieck of Valerian Rybar, Inc. Mr. Rieck is a magpie collector of everything from vermeil crustaceans to exotic fabrics, and he made use of the faux bois as a simple unifier to pull everything in the room together. The pale blonde faux bois on doors, ceiling moldings, baseboards and mantelpieces (in another part of the room) accomplishes this better than a plain painted finish.

Apart from the creative pleasure of transmuting plain wood into boldly grained faux bois or richly veined semi-precious stone, the great delight of a fantasy finish is the unexpected magic it works in a room. Transformed by the opulent finishes, for which H&G has outlined in past issues instructions developed by the Isabel O'Neil Studio Workshop, furniture, woodwork and small decorative accessories have a way of shedding glamour on their surroundings as effectively as if they were rare objets d'art or finely crafted antiques. Small boxes in faux malachite, for instance, can enrich a room with their brilliant jewel-like greens. The heavenly blue of one faux lapis lazuli box on a desk or a table can wake up a whole corner. And a little chest in faux tortoise, especially if the finish has a lot of gold in it, can provide the missing smack of glitter in a darkly paneled leather-filled room.

Faux-finished furniture plays the trompe l'oeil game two ways. A faux bamboo finish on a chair or settee will suggest a graceful lightness where none may exist. Conversely, a faux marbre or porphyry finish will add visual weight and solidity to a small shelf or table. A faux-finished top on a dining table—even one not originally to the manner born—can lift the whole room to a new level of elegance. Any faux-finished piece of furniture will bring a note of excitement to a room that is short on pattern or one furnished otherwise with austerely sleek contemporary designs.

Used architecturally, faux finishes are pure legerdemain. A faux marbre dado in a box of a room can evoke a stylishness the builder never dreamed of. Trompe l'oeil porphyry pillars in an uninteresting foyer will conjure up a palazzo aura. If your tastes run to rich effects, finishing all the woodwork in a room in faux bois or marbre can be downright sumptuous.

If you missed any of the installments in our series, you can get instructions for all the finishes by sending 50 cents (no stamps please) to House & Garden, Department FF, P. O. Box 1910, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Paint kits with everything you will need, including instructions, are also available from the Marvelite Company. For shopping information, turn to page 176.



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The talents of fantasy finishes range from accenting a somber room with a bright dollop of color to creating a whole wall of trompe l'oeil marble. **1** A blue faux marbre stationery box finished by Mrs. Ramsay Wilson makes a fresh accent for desk top of real marble. **2** Deep greens of a faux malachite plaque by Mrs. Patricia MacNeur relieve the dark leathery tones of a library. **3** In a room that pairs two unlikely elements —a tiger rug and a modern steel table—introducing a third stranger, a faux bamboo chair by Mrs. Edwin Durst, unexpectedly makes everything work together. **4** Mrs. Ira Washburn's chairside lamp table in faux bamboo shares the informal look of the ticking curtains and upholstery in her country living room. **5** Harvey Ward's faux Red Boulle tortoise box adds a splash of concentrated color to an oak table. **6** His faux tortoise conceit box gives warmth and richness to the severity of a steel and glass table. **7** The lightweight look of Mrs. Bertram Mayers' faux bamboo game table contrasts with the leathers and heavier looking woods in her study. **8** The deep, mottled hues of a faux lapis lazuli mirror frame by Mrs. George LaBranche Jr. make a jewel-like accent for a marble table. **9** The faux bamboo finish Mrs. James Abrams applied to a tall bookcase makes it look light enough to use in her bedroom without overpowering everything else in the room. **10** The faux marbre top Mrs. Sydney Bloomberg created for the console in her entrance foyer repeats the warm apricot tones of the settee on the other side of the room. **11** Faux bamboo reading stand by Mrs. Robert Corbin relieves the weighty look of big reference books. **12** Faux lapis lazuli top of miniature chest by Mrs. Edwin Durst and faux porphyry bird by Mrs. Lester E. Brion add contrasting textures and colors to a marble-topped bureau. **13** At tea time, a drop-leaf cart in two contrasting finishes—faux bamboo legs by Mrs. Beverly Pascal, a faux porphyry top by Mrs. Isabel O'Neil—brings a sunny color accent to an off-white living room. For serving tea and goodies: Paul A. Straub's Pasco china. Hanging over the sofa: Stefano Cusumano's oil "By the Seashore," from Gallery 63, Inc.



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A small table, **14**, in faux Red Boulle tortoise by Mrs. Bertram Mayers adds a touch of rococo opulence to her living room which is decorated for the most part with solid colors. **15** The bold grain and deep orange tones of a faux bois plate and cachepot by Mrs. Charles Colt make wonderful accents for a deep-toned entrance hall. **16** A faux lapis lazuli finish by Mrs. Lester E. Brion gives a small jewel box the look of a rare antique. **17** Wooden mirror frames and console table top finished in faux marbre introduce the first splashes of green in Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maharam's green, white and black apartment. Interior designed by David E. Copeland. **18** Faux porphyry top of Mrs. Ira Washburn's dining table makes a rich enough background for patterned plates to eliminate the need of table mats. **19** Mrs. James Abrams' curio table finished in faux tortoise shell makes an appropriate home for her collection of shells. **20** Mantel finished in faux bois is one of several faux bois surfaces that give unity to John Rieck's apartment (see page 142). **21** Faux marbre topping on Mrs. Ira Washburn's coffee table gives her pale-hued living room the necessary rich and solid accent. **22** The swirling greens of a faux malachite plate and box by Mrs. Bertram Mayers contrast dramatically with the smooth, unpatterned surfaces of a steel and glass table. **23** Wooden plaque finished in faux porphyry by Mrs. E. S. Rodgers looks like an architectural fragment, adorns a desk top. **24** Mantel and trompe l'oeil dado of faux marbre by Mrs. George Combes give much better proportions to a high-ceilinged room. **25** By finishing door, window frame and built-ins in faux marbre, Mrs. Ira Washburn decorated a tiny bedroom without in any way encroaching upon the space. **26** The ruddy glow of a curio cabinet in faux bois by Mrs. C. J. MacLaughlin sets off a fine collection of vermeil figures.

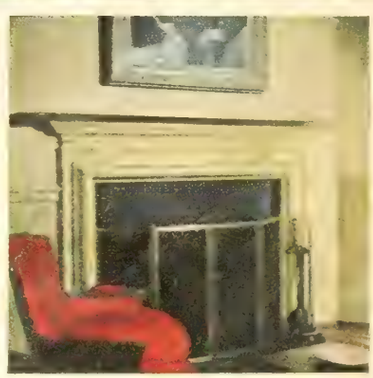
For shopping information, see page 176. For a sampling of unpainted furniture you can transform with fantasy finishes, see page 106.



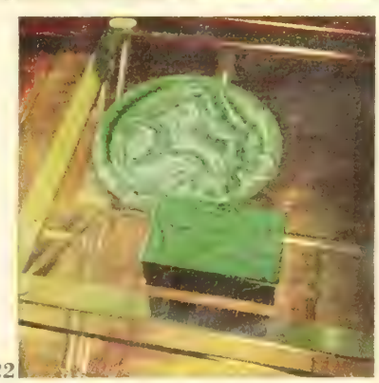
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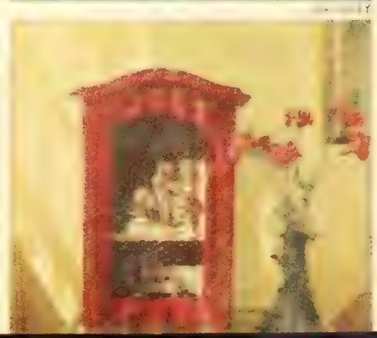
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Rx for the party guest list:

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"Dining with Edith?" exclaimed the voice. "Now why on earth would you do that? You never know whom you'll meet there."

As we also know, one hostess is seldom wholly reliable about another. But the fact of the matter is that Edith—let us call her Edith—likes to surround herself with a rich mixed grill of guests. There will be elegant ladies of uncertain age and even more elegant ladies up to no good at all. There will be stars and nonentities, the newest young man and the oldest survivor. And they will all be having a wonderful time.

Whereas in Mary's house—let us call her Mary—I know full well that out of a predictable hundred people I shall find twenty-four. The Sisley will be in its right place above the fireplace. The Pissarro drawings, mounted and framed in Paris, will confirm that their owner is a lady of taste. But every single person invited to admire them will be more or less identical as to income, age, status, occupation. Tape-recorded, the conversation could be served up afresh for every dinner of the year without putting the next set of guests to the trouble of speech.

Americans, as I have reason to know, are the most hospitable people in the world. In all the states of the union ceaseless kindness is expended on friend and stranger alike. But for some reason Americans are unwilling to take a risk when they entertain. "A rose is a rose is a rose," said Gertrude Stein, rather unhelpfully. A party is a party is a party, by the same token. Let us take the easy way, fill the room with people who are bound to get on more or less and hope for the best.

This procedure, however, does not really evoke the best. When I used to live in London, I learned a better one. It demands a great deal of time, and an almost saintly spirit of dedication. Its grand progenitor was the late Lady Colefax—who deserves canonization on another ground: being a professional decorator and badly in need of cash at the time, she yet, when asked to do so, refused to lay hands on the Ritz.

Lady Colefax used to wake at early light, fired with vision. She would have a party. Not a big party, perhaps ten. Now, whom to ask? Suppose the Archbishop of Canterbury sat one off Noël Coward, with Mary Lee Fairbanks between. . . . No, that wouldn't do. They were too much alike. Mary Lee is altogether too nice a woman to be wasted on an archbishop, and she knows too much about the theatre to keep Noël Coward off it. I can imagine Lady Colefax sitting up in bed, biting her pencil. Lady A. gets a bit tipsy and flicks bread pellets: she could be fitted in somewhere surely. And the Field Marshal? His wife is a trouble there. Scratch them both, and put the young Devonshires in their place. There's nothing like a duke and duchess who are gay and beautiful and rich, and besides they might come in useful to that dear little painter—what is his name?—who lives in the East End and has nothing to eat but the mushrooms which grow on his stairs. So damp, the East End.

And the postcards flew, illegibly scrawled, but you could read the date and guess it was a dinner. For a long time I cherished one which read simply: "Do dine Tuesday. Just ourselves and Pirandello."

The point is that it worked. In a tiny eighteenth-century house, with two old parlormaids to help and the minimum of assistance from drink, the guests had a marvelous time. When Lady Colefax lay dying, and I received a summons to visit her, as I presumed for a last farewell, I found that someone had sent her some grouse from Scotland. Although semi-conscious herself, she had convened a final dozen of friends, from stage, Parliament and nowhere-in-particular, who were tucking in downstairs while Sir Kenneth and Lady Clark shepherded a select few up to their hostess, lying with closed eyes, and murmuring, perhaps like the Grande Mademoiselle in the eighteenth century, "*Le paradis, le paradis, au grand galop.*"

Small, oddly mixed gatherings have always been a London specialty. Mrs. Ian Fleming has arranged them better than most of Lady Colefax's successors, holding the belief that eight is about right for dinner, backed by a score or more coming in afterwards. Let there be a painter or two, say Francis Bacon and Lucien Freud. Then a few turbulent politicians, to cook up a good row. A beauty or two will help, especially the kind of beauty who would have all the men round her even if she were plain: someone like Lady Diana Cooper. And there should be a discreet purveyor of secrets, so that the guests can feel big next morning when they an-

ALAN PRYCE-JONES, *author, playwright, critic, loves to talk, hates bridge, is a highly prized guest because of his ebullient interest in any subject anyone happens to bring up. A former Londoner, he lives now in New York and Newport, R. I.*

NEVER BEFORE

nounce, "I saw the Foreign Secretary last night, as a matter of fact, and he was saying . . ."

This kind of thing would be perfectly easy in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, in descending order. After all, it was an American, Lady Cunard, who banished the idea of boredom from London society forty years ago and more—not that boredom, any more than the old soldier, ever quite dies. But somehow, that kind of party seldom happens in the United States, perhaps because married couples lead such different lives in Europe and America.

The American husband is shooed out of the door as early as possible, condemned to a business lunch while his wife gossips with her women friends at a restaurant and readmitted to his own home only at cocktail time. Would it not be far pleasanter, when distance makes it possible, to do as Europeans do and mix the sexes at luncheon; even maybe lunch at home?

I have tried it, feeling rather like Cortez venturing into the unknown, and it seems to give pleasure all around. Not everybody works on Wall Street, not everybody prefers a tuna fish sandwich and a glass of milk at the desk every weekday.

It is also a mistake to believe that clever people only like other clever people, or presidents of banks other presidents of banks. By and large, what makes the human race step lively is an encounter with the unexpected. It may be restful to repeat, night after night, exactly the same conversation with a lifelong friend, but in the end it drives any party to the silence of the bridge table.

Again, Americans distrust conversation. They have a lurking fear that it is likely to break down. So phonographs are left on to drown it, drinks are poured down to deaden it. Such fears may be a relic of Puritanism. It is perfectly true that societies which pride themselves on their capacity for talk may be not only tedious but trivial. Nobody not French has ever sat through a Paris dinner party without a degree of irritation at the sheer professionalism of the guests as guests. And it's not a large step from irritation to disapproval.

But unself-conscious talk is by far the most agreeable of social activities, and it can only be carried on by people who have to discover something about one another. That is one of the reasons why the young have a good time: they have everything to discover. One of the reasons, too, why Bohemian evenings always flourish, however glumly elder folk may report that things in The Village (or whatever) are not what they used to be.

It is particularly important, I think, to mix the good and the bad. If there is anything less exhilarating than a gathering of the wholly virtuous, it is the opposite. Thackeray's Becky Sharp would never have made her name—and ended, incidentally, her days under the cloak of virtue—had she not operated on respectable citizens as well as on her chosen victims. Oscar Wilde would never have gained his reputation as a wit had he not also used a capacity to shock.

And it is by no means true that the best guests or hosts are always the cleverest ones. I remember, many years ago, meeting one of the most beautiful women of her day, in Luxor. Marthe Letellier was her name, and once upon a time it was a name to conjure with. The lady was not, however, very bright. She used to announce her intention of going to the casino. But there is no casino, we told her. Everyone knows the casino at Biskra, she would reply. But this is not Biskra, it is Luxor. It is not even in the same country as Biskra. Really, she would reply, without much interest. Is that really so? We loved her just the same, because she was lovely and warmhearted, and gathered intelligent people about her. Had she lived on Long Island today, however, she would not have had a chance. People would have eaten her food and ridden in her cars. They would have asked her back to their houses, and found the same bridge four for her as at home. Because all they would have cared to recall about her was that she was 54, that she had a certain sum of money in the bank, a certain range of cousins and friends and a strict limitation of interests.

If, then, I were giving advice to party-givers and party-goers, I should begin by urging them to stop playing safe. Never choose people because they fit a convenient pattern. Above all, mix the age groups, and the income brackets. Never, in a summer colony, get stuck with the summer people only. Even if you achieve a disaster, you can console yourself by thinking that you will have given a lot of pleasure, for everyone enjoys a good social calamity. But you almost certainly will not achieve disaster; you will merely get asked around a great deal more than is good for you.

By Alan Pryce-Jones

PARTY FURNITURE



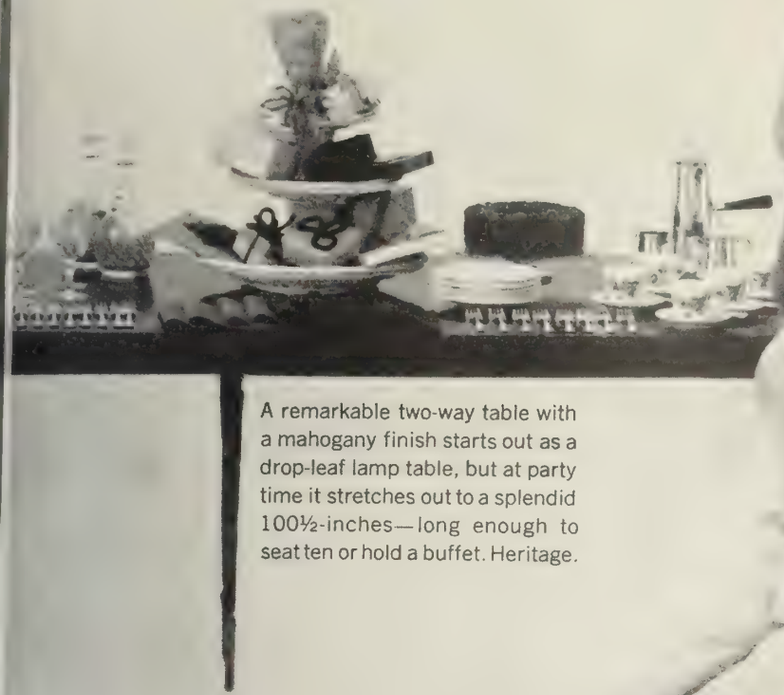
Rolling cart has hinged leaves that lift up to form a table. Two drawers in base might hold silver or game equipment so you can wheel in cart with everything for the party. Of walnut-patterned plastic laminate. By Founders.

Low and light chairs can be rolled easily across the room by a seated guest who wants to join another conversation group. Frames are of fruitwood; upholstery comes in jewel hues. By John Widdicomb.

A folding table of teak can be stashed away in next to no space since its 40-inch-long top folds down to 2 inches. The top has an inlay of plastic laminate in red, white or black. By Moreddi.

TOM KEE

ıy party that proceeds in stages is helped along by rniture that moves easily around the scene or plays ıo roles. Furniture on wheels, lightweight portables or ınvertible designs make it easy for guests to form new ınversation groups—or for you to set up a buffet without a major disrupting time lag. Today's easy moving ng party clothes maintain the same graceful pace.



A remarkable two-way table with a mahogany finish starts out as a drop-leaf lamp table, but at party time it stretches out to a splendid 100½-inches—long enough to seat ten or hold a buffet. Heritage.

Brightly cushioned walnut benches are light enough to carry to wherever needed. Some have attached armrest tables handy for balancing a glass or an ashtray. By Richardson/Nemschoff.

A cube-on-wheels turns from a chairside table into a small bar. Top flips open to form two serving ledges. Of teak (or rosewood or walnut), lined with red or turquoise plastic laminate. By Selig.

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WATER: visual, aural and



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Second of a series on the anatomy of a house



There is probably nothing that can be built into a house so felicitously as water in one of its audio-visual forms—a pool, a fountain, even a miniature waterfall. And, apart from warmth and coolth, there are few things that, properly engineered, can make us so comfortable. A house in which water is considered strictly a kitchen or bathroom property hardly scratches the surface. There, you will never know the pleasures of a melodic plashing somewhere around a corner or a pool twinkling in a foyer or indoor rock garden. Nor will you enjoy the conveniences of a safe-and-easy bantam drinking fountain for the children and strategically placed drains in a garden room or laundry to ease the routine of floor washing, flower repotting and bathing the dog. With the help of a water bib in the right place, a fire hose—comforting possession—can be installed in practically no space at all. The task of swabbing down a floor is much less a chore with a washing device that utilizes a built-in vacuum system and sucks up the water like a magical sponge. There is even a device that gives you a rhythmic water massage as you loll in the bathtub. All these things are comparatively simple matters when they are incorporated into the structure of a new house. If you are remodeling, they are a little less simple, but not at all out of the question. With your architect or builder, go over each room, either on a blueprint or in actuality, and look for the spot where water can be piped in either for pure pleasure or down-to-earth utility. But before you do anything at all—particularly if you are buying land or an existing house—check your water supply.

The importance of an adequate water supply

There is obviously no advantage at all in having a water-planned house without access to water required to run it. City-dwellers, of course, have little to fear. Except in the time of drought (and then it doesn't matter *where* you live) an enlightened government sees to it that reservoirs are full. But if you are building a house on a newly developed tract of land, or buying, say, an old farmhouse, demand a guarantee that water is available, and plenty of it. Self-contained water systems in which water is supplied by your own well will require a certain amount of attention since you will be in charge of maintenance. First of all be sure the well is practically inexhaustible and that your pump has the capacity and pressure to cope with near-drought conditions. If you have to sink a well, there are *(Continued on page 172)*

Perpetual crystalline motion is whirled into play by a fountain mounted in a fiber glass shell 6 feet across. (If you like, the shell can be of brass.) The mechanism consists of a pump and a head—the pronged whirligig that rotates the spray in a graceful, adjustable pattern 3 to 6 feet high. Recirculating pump is run by an electric motor (a nearby electric outlet is mandatory), uses same water continuously. Pretty when tinted, water is replaced only when evaporation so dictates



Water for beauty's sake: **1** A wall of water for a foyer has the dappled wetness of rocks under a shallow waterfall. From outlets near ceiling, spotlighted water trickles down the masonry, changes its color and pattern, collects in a tray. From there, a small pump takes it back up topside. **2** Slate-rimmed pool for a bowered corner of a living room is spiked with three jets to stir up a tinkle, create ripples. Recirculating pump uses the same water in non-stop performance. **3** Indoor rock garden is built in the Japanese manner around a descending trio of clay pots fed by water from bamboo spouts which is also very handy for watering the plants. The pump, again, is a recirculating type.

Water for comfort and easy maintenance: **4** In a garden room, a length of hose (curled up with its outlet in a hideaway cabinet at floor level) will make plant watering and floor sluicing a breeze. Drains are best placed near wall to prevent heel-catching. Similar drains can also be a godsend in a garage and in the drip-dry closet of a laundry or bathroom. **5** Child's drinking fountain set into a lavatory counter in a small-fry bedroom saves steps, is infinitely safer than a kitchen or bathroom faucet that must be clambered up to, will end forever the plaintive, dead-of-night cry for a drink of water. **6** Plastic fire hose in a laundry or mud room can be housed in a shallow (18 by 24 inches), louver-doored cabinet. Close to an outside door, the hose can be used outside as well as indoors, never freezes, and is so soft that 150 feet coil snugly out of sight. **7** Any washable floor in a house with a built-in vacuum system will profit with scrubber and wet pick-up attachments. The cleaning system propels the scrubber, then sucks up water into pick-up container which rolls with a gentle push and is emptied when and as you will. For a round-up of new plumbing accessories, see page 173.

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H&G'S DEEPER COLORS MOVE INTO THE KITCHEN

Color in the kitchen has traveled through as many phases as color in any other room in the house: possibly the swing from dark to light to dark again has been even greater. Successively, we have seen kitchens paneled in wood in the Early American manner, kitchens cloaked in white from top to toe like a laboratory, kitchens softened with pastels. A few years ago the look of wood again turned up in the kitchen. Since the kitchen had become more and more a room to live in pleasantly as well as a room to perform in efficiently, the mellow quality of wood gave it harmony, a restful warmth. Now, as a direct sequel to the wood look, color is finding its way back into the kitchen in the form of H&G's deeper, more mellow hues that shed their rich light on everything in the room and give it the burnished glow of a Flemish still life.

To give definition to a background of deep color, however, you should introduce small contrasting shocks of light. This is not hard to achieve, since even the smallest jolts of sharp color will come across with potency. You might paint a single wall or a ceiling beam, say, in a light hue to contrast with your deep tone. You might have a pale floor. Or you might add your lighter color in small splashes: pots or plates or cooking utensils in H&G's bright, singing hues that will provide quick lifts to keep the deep colors from becoming too overbearing.

BLACK PEARL ENRICHES WOOD GRAINS

A contemporary kitchen with a number of wide-open spaces becomes more intimate, more restful when lined with subtly glowing color. In Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Stanton's kitchen in Winnetka, Ill., the birch cabinets were rubbed with H&G's Black Pearl, which gives a lovely effect—the rich grain of wood emphasized by overtones of color. To set off this deep gray, the Stantons added lots of white on the walls and the countertops plus cool licks of brilliant blue—specifically: Delphinium Blue on the hood of the exhaust fan over the cooking counter, a mosaic of blue tiles around the sink and various little collected objects touched with blue such as glass paperweights, Mexican tin flowers, butterfly-embellished mugs.

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LYON

RED APPLE WARMS THE SHIMMER OF STEEL

You can compensate for the lack of natural light in an interior kitchen by bathing the whole room in rich color to create a cheering glow. Here the cabinets were stained in H&G's Red Apple, and Red Apple paint was applied to walls above cabinets and across ceiling so that the whole room seems washed with firelight. The red is kept from seeming too intense by a big splash of white in the form of a Japanese paper light globe, by lots of stainless steel that reflects the Red Apple softly, and in the adjoining dining area, *right*, by the crispness of a black-and-white check tablecloth. Floor of this area and of the whole kitchen including the resting corner, *far right*, is covered with vinyl planks in assorted light and dark wood tones.

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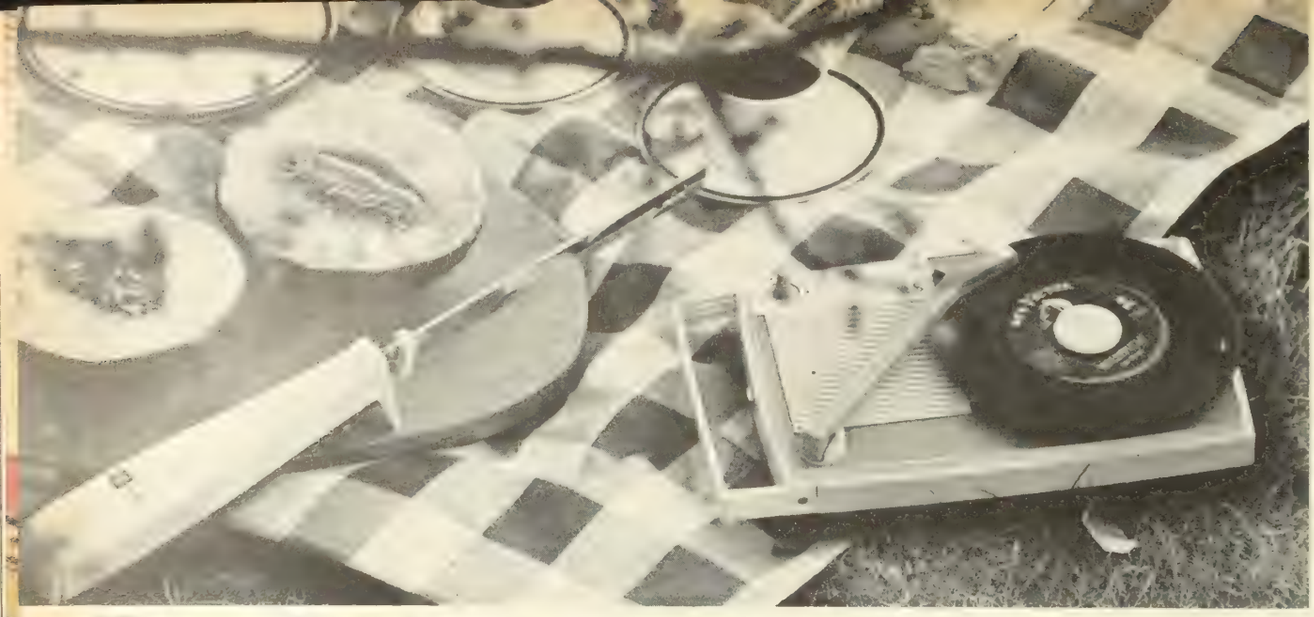




BLACK PEARL SETS OFF DEEP WALLPAPER TONES

The overpowering scale of ceiling-high cabinets in an old-fashioned kitchen can be minimized by painting the cabinets in a two-way scheme of dark colors borrowed from a deep-toned flowered wallpaper. The doors of the upper cabinets in this kitchen were stained a bright lacquer-y red, and the rest of the cabinets stained in H&G's Black Pearl. But there is plenty of white in the countertops, the walls, the molding above the cabinets (which helps to make the ceiling seem lower). And the floor is a light Antique Gold striped with only pencil-slim lines of red. Because of the strong pattern of the wallpaper, it is used sparingly in panels on astutely selected areas such as one wall of the dining area, *right,* and around the main work corner, *above.* Architect: Robert Caigon.





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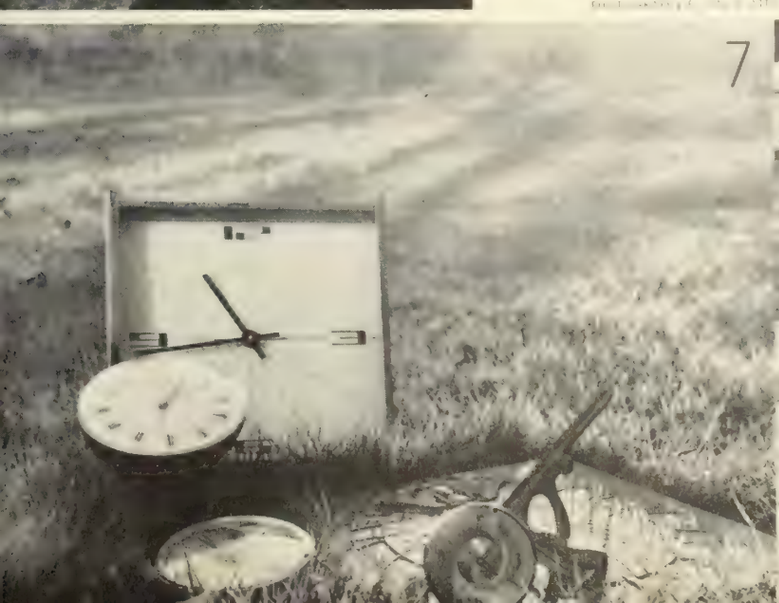
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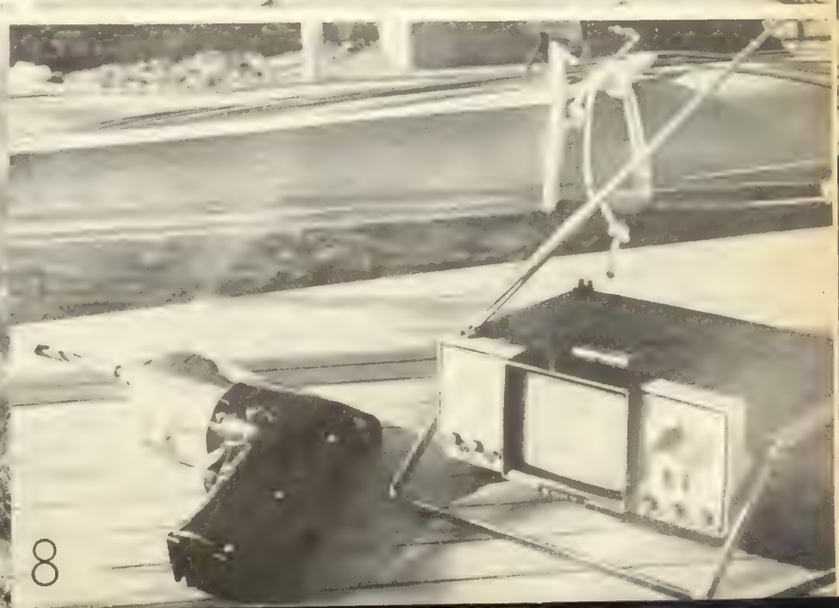
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The white spirits

by Hugh Johnson

All spirits start life white. Whether it is corn or molasses, barley or potatoes that go into the still, the high-strength dribble at the business end of the copper curl is clear and limpid, as white as water.

Unlike whiskey and brandy, which need years of slow maturing in the cask to smooth them down, round them off and give them their rich color, white spirits come from the still all but ready to drink.

In whiskey and brandy the distiller wants to preserve the gentle flavor of his original materials—brandy should be the essence of the grape, whiskey of the grain. In gin and vodka, on the other hand, the distiller's business is to eliminate all traces of the spirit's origin. He wants what is known as 'silent' spirit: alcohol, pure and simple, to use as a base for his own particular kind of drink.

Northern Spirits— Vodka, Gin, Aquavit

Vodka and gin are both alcohols from which all impurities and flavors have been removed—as far as is humanly possible. The difference is that this is the end in making vodka, whereas in gin it is only the beginning.

Vodka is the logically ultimate alcoholic drink: alcohol from which all harmful oils and other foreign bodies have been removed by distillation, rectification and repeated filtration. As a mixer it does nothing but make soft drinks hard, and hard ones harder. Its effect on flavor is minimal, on morale wonderful. In Poland, the most serious vodka-drinking country of all, vodka is served ice-cold, neat, in tiny glasses which are repeatedly filled and refilled. It is drunk in one swift movement, so that the vodka never touches the palate at all, but makes its first contact with the back of the throat. The vodka ceremonial starts before a meal and goes right on through with borscht, smoked sturgeon, shashlik, strawberries, everything. The bottle starts the meal wrapped in a jacket of ice and ends in a pool of water, while conversation—an art the Poles fully understand—flashes onward and upward. Another type of vodka, made in Poland and Czechoslovakia and available here, is Zubrowka. Flavored by the insertion of a blade of sweet grass, it has a subtle taste and perfume and is customarily served with smoked fish or caviar.

As a mixer vodka is infinitely adaptable, but to me a vodka Martini is no Martini, although in matters of taste nobody can lay down the law. The *great* thing about a Martini is the taste of the gin, pointed up by the vermouth and cunningly numbed by the cold. Remove the central flavor and the whole thing falls flat.

The spirit destined to be gin can come from the same still as the spirit for vodka. Grain is the finest raw material for either of them. Gin, too, starts as plain alcohol, although without the final refinement and filtering that would be necessary if it were going to be drunk unaltered. The gin distiller's business is to redistill the spirit with the addition of flavoring matter ('botanicals' in his language), so that what emerges tastes as though juniper (and cardamom, orris, angelica, orange peel and a dozen others) were in its blood.

Although there are as many different kinds of gin as there are distillers, gin falls into two broad categories. One of these, Dry or London gin, is universally popular and the most useful because the spirit has just enough flavor to stamp its character on a cocktail without being overwhelming. It has no rival as a mixer, but is not often drunk straight, although on the rocks with lemon and a splash of water it is a very refreshing hot-weather drink. Pink-gin drinkers usually make their favorite tipple with London, plus two or three drops of Angostura bitters.

Holland or Dutch gin is too pungent and sweet for mixing, but makes a very good apéritif or liqueur on its own. Holland is the one country where you can still see shops that sell gin and nothing else. Like pretty little apothecaries, they have painted blue-glass jars on shelves behind the counter, a low bar and no seats or stools. Delicate bell-shaped glasses on stems, like eighteenth-century rummers, are filled until surface tension causes a little flat dome of gin. It is impossible to pick up the glass for the first sip without spilling any, so the custom is to stoop and drink the top without touching the glass. The gin is available in any strength from 40 to 120 proof and the measures are by no means small. Holland gin, very well chilled or served on the rocks with a sliver of lemon, makes an excellent alternative to a dry Martini as an apéritif. I would hesitate to serve it at a party without offering an alternative, as the taste takes a little acquiring, but it is well worth trying.

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/ Elaine Ross

There is often more satisfaction—and cachet—in serving a crusty golden loaf of bread or a basket of fragrant biscuits still warm from the oven than in creating the most ectacular culinary tour de force. For although there are many ghly acceptable commercial breads, few can rival the unparalleled eshness of the home-baked variety. Breads fall naturally into two tegories—yeast breads and quick breads. There are certain guide-sts to follow when you are dealing with yeast dough. A package dry granular yeast and a 1-ounce package of bakers' compressed ast can be used interchangeably, but the compressed yeast will ep for no more than a week and then only in the refrigerator. ranular yeast keeps for months, unrefrigerated, but you should be re to check the expiration date on the package. Heat is the deadly emy of yeast. Either type should be dissolved in warm, not hot, quid, and the yeast dough put to rise in a warm (about 80 degrees) raft-free place such as a cupboard or an unlighted oven that does ot have a pilot light. If the dough is left in too hot a place, it will rise too quickly and may collapse. In too cool a spot, it will take longer to rise. Allow for that in figuring your time schedule. Do not let the dough rise overlong, or the baked product will have an excessively yeasty taste and smell. To test it, poke a finger in the dough. If the indentation remains, it has risen sufficiently.

While yeast breads take time, quick breads can be a *fait accompli* minutes after you decide to bake, because they are leavened by baking powder, baking soda or a combination of both. Whereas yeast doughs thrive on kneading and rough handling, quick breads require a light touch. Mix dry and liquid ingredients just until moistened and do not be dismayed if the batter looks lumpy—it should be. Overmixing produces an unevenly textured bread with a peaked rather than a rounded top. Once the batter or dough is mixed, spoon it into the pan—or roll it out, as the case may be—and pop it into the oven post-haste, before the leavening gas has a chance to escape. Both yeast and quick breads freeze beautifully and may be defrosted either at room temperature or in the oven, as you wish.

Plain Breads

Basic White Bread

packages granular yeast
¼ cups warm water
cup lukewarm milk
tablespoons sugar
teaspoons salt
tablespoons vegetable shortening
tablespoon soft butter
cups all-purpose flour

Dissolve the yeast in ⅓ cup of the warm water. Combine the remaining water, milk, sugar, salt, shortening and butter in a large bowl. Add the dissolved yeast and enough of the flour to make a soft, sticky dough. Place the remaining flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and the flour absorbed. If the dough is still sticky, add a little more flour. Place the dough in a greased bowl and turn once to bring the greased side on top. Cover and let rise in a warm spot for 1 hour, or until the dough doubles in bulk.

Punch down, turn dough again and let rise for ½ hour, or until almost double in bulk. Divide the dough in half and let rest for 10 minutes. Shape each half into a loaf and place in a well-greased 5"-by-9" loaf pan. Cover and let rise in a warm spot for ½ hour. Bake the loaves in a preheated 425° oven for 25 minutes, or until they sound hollow when tapped. Remove to racks to cool. Makes 2 loaves.

Undercover Bread

2 *packages granular yeast*
1½ *cups warm water*
¾ *cup milk*
1½ *teaspoons salt*
¼ *cup sugar*
3 *tablespoons salad oil (not olive oil)*
6 *cups all-purpose flour*

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a large bowl. Add the milk, salt, sugar, oil and 4 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth. Gradually stir in additional flour until the dough is too stiff to mix with a spoon. Place remaining flour on a board and turn out dough on top of it. Knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Place the dough in a covered bowl and set in a warm place to rise for 1¼ hours, or until double in bulk. Divide the dough into 3 portions. Shape each portion into a loaf and place in well-greased 8½"-by-4½"-by-2½" loaf tins. Set in a warm place to rise for ¾ hour, or until the dough has risen almost to the tops of the pans.

Place the pans, side-by-side, in a preheated 400° oven. Grease the underside of a baking sheet, place on top of the pans in the oven and place a heavy weight or iron pan on top of the baking sheet to keep it in place. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the loaves are golden brown and sound hollow when tapped. Remove to racks to cool. Makes 3 loaves.

Soured-Milk Rye-Wheat Bread

2 *teaspoons vinegar*
2 *cups lukewarm milk*
2 *packages granular yeast*
¼ *cup warm water*
2 *teaspoons salt*
2 *tablespoons sugar*
¼ *cup salad oil (not olive oil)*
¼ *cup light molasses*
2 *cups whole-wheat flour*
2 *cups rye flour*
2⅔ *cups all-purpose flour*

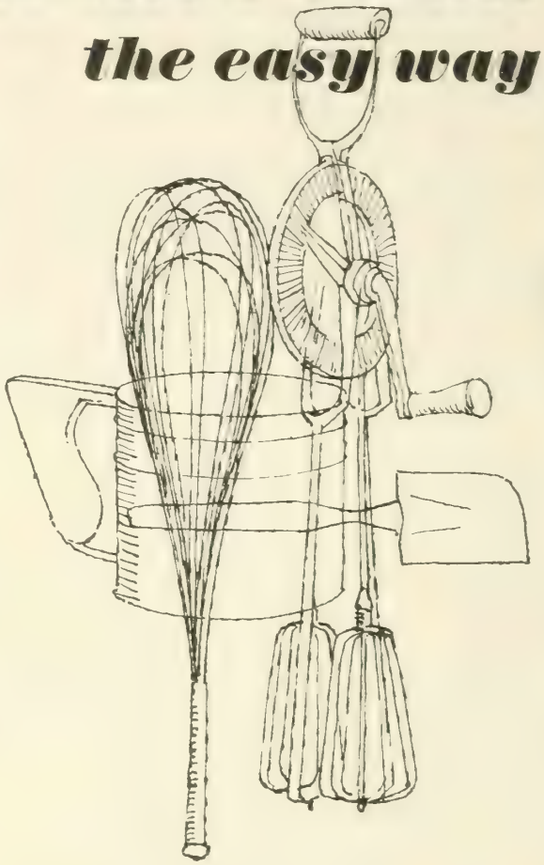
Add the vinegar to the milk and let stand for 5 minutes to sour. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a large bowl. Add the soured milk, salt, sugar, oil, molasses, whole-wheat and rye flours and beat thoroughly. Add 2 cups of the all-purpose flour and stir until the dough holds together. Place the remaining ⅔ cup flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Place in a covered bowl and set in a warm place to rise for 1½ hours, or until the dough has increased about 2½ times in bulk.

Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a long, narrow loaf. Place the loaves in 2 greased 3½"-by-12" loaf pans and set in a warm place for 1¼ hours, or until risen a little above the pans. Bake in a 350° oven for [illegible]. Cool on racks. Makes 2 loaves.

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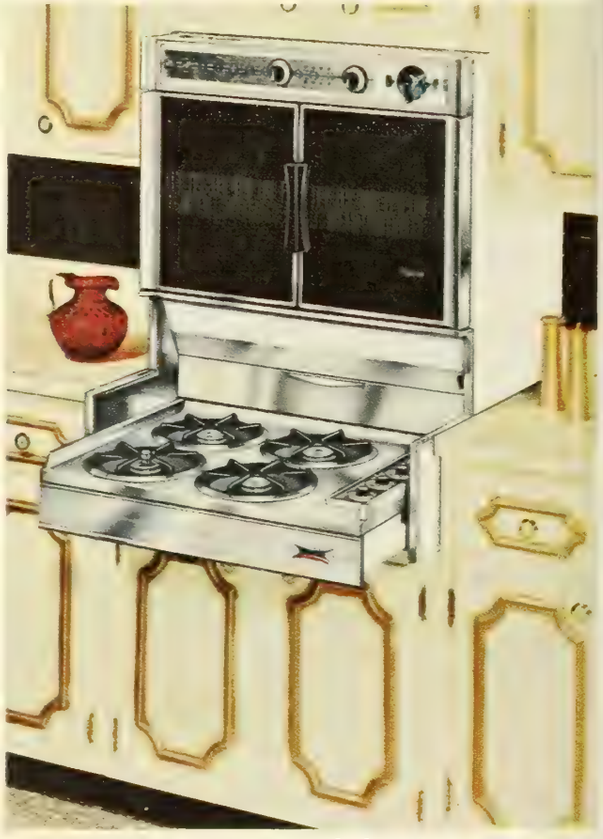
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1 package granular yeast
2 teaspoons sugar
2 cups warm water
1½ teaspoons salt
5 cups all-purpose flour
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Dissolve the yeast and the sugar in ⅓ cup of the warm water. Add the remaining 1⅔ cups warm water, salt and 4 cups of the flour. Beat with a wooden spoon until the dough comes clean from the sides of the bowl and the spoon. Spread ½ cup of the remaining flour on a board, turn the dough out on top of it, and cover with the rest of the flour. Knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Set in a warm place to rise for 1 hour, or until double in bulk. Punch the dough down and let it rise for ¾ hour. Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a long, cylindrical loaf. Place on a large, well-greased baking sheet and let the loaves rise in a warm place for 15 minutes.

Cut shallow diagonal slits 1½" apart in the top of each loaf and let the loaves rise for an additional ½ hour, or until double in bulk. Set a shallow pan of boiling water on the floor of the oven. Lightly brush the tops of the risen loaves with milk and bake them in a preheated 400° oven for ¾ hour, or until golden brown. Cool on a rack. Makes 2 loaves.

Challah

2 packages granular yeast
2½ cups warm water
6 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons salt
⅓ cup salad oil (not olive oil)
4 eggs
8⅔ cups all-purpose flour
1 egg yolk mixed with 1 teaspoon cold water
4 teaspoons poppy seeds

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a large bowl. Add the sugar, salt, oil, eggs and 6 cups of the flour. Beat thoroughly with a wooden spoon. Gradually add more flour until the dough is too stiff to beat with a spoon. Place remaining flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. If the dough is still quite sticky (this may happen if you use very large eggs), you may find you have to add a little more flour to get the right consistency.

Place the dough in a very large covered bowl and let rise in a warm place for 1½ hours, or until triple in bulk. Punch the dough down, and divide it into 12 portions. Shape each portion into a rope about 1" in diameter on a lightly floured board. Braid 3 ropes together. Repeat with the remaining ropes. Place each braid in a well-greased 1½"-by-3½" loaf pan and let rise in a warm place for ¾ hour, or until almost triple in bulk. Brush the tops of the risen dough with the egg wash and sprinkle with the poppy seeds. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the breads are golden brown. Remove to racks to cool. Makes 4 loaves.

Corn Loaf

¾ cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup yellow corn meal
2 tablespoons farina
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon powdered orange peel
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg
⅓ cup sour cream
⅓ cup milk
3 tablespoons oil (not olive oil)

Place the flour, corn meal, farina, sugar, powdered orange peel, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl and stir together. Beat the egg with the sour cream in a separate bowl. Stir in the milk and oil and add to the dry ingredients. Mix just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into a well-greased 4½"-by-8½" loaf pan and bake in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 375° and bake 10 minutes longer. Turn out onto a rack to cool. Makes 1 loaf.

Kneadless Bread

1 package granular yeast
1¼ cups warm water
2 tablespoons soft butter
2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons sugar
⅓ cup wheat germ
2⅔ cups all-purpose flour

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a bowl. Add the butter, salt, sugar, wheat germ and 1 cup of the flour. Beat thoroughly. Add the remaining 1⅔ cups flour gradually and beat with a wooden spoon until the dough leaves the sides of the bowl and the spoon clean. Cover the bowl and set in a warm place to rise for ½ hour, or until the dough doubles in bulk. Spoon the dough into 2 well-greased coffee tins, and set in a warm place to rise for 40 minutes, or until double in bulk. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 45 minutes, or until the breads are golden. Remove to racks to cool. Makes 2 loaves.

Scored Bread

1 package granular yeast
1½ cups warm water
3¼ cups (approximately) all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup whole-wheat flour
½ cup buckwheat flour
¼ cup cream of wheat
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup dry skimmed milk
¼ cup butter
2 tablespoons honey

Dissolve the yeast in ½ cup warm water. Add ⅔ cup all-purpose flour and the sugar. Beat until smooth. Let stand for ½ hour, or until bubbly.

Mix 2 cups all-purpose flour, the whole-wheat flour, buckwheat flour, cream of wheat, salt and dry skimmed milk in a large bowl. Cut in the butter with 2 knives or a pastry blender until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Add the honey, remaining 1 cup warm water and yeast sponge and mix until the dough holds together. Place ½ cup flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Place in a covered bowl and set in a warm place to rise for 1½ hours, or until double in bulk. Divide the dough in half and shape each half into a loaf about 3" in diameter and 10" long.

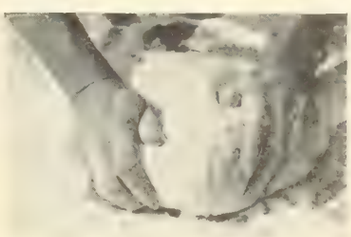
Place on a large, greased baking sheet. Cut slits in the top of each loaf with a sharp knife as though you were scoring a ham. Set in a warm place to rise for 1 hour, or until double in bulk. Brush the loaves lightly with cold water. Set a pan of boiling water on the floor of a preheated 375° oven and bake the loaves for 27 minutes, or until the loaves sound hollow when tapped on the bottom. Cool on racks. Makes 2 loaves.

How to make challah

Techniques demonstrated by Elaine Ross



Beat dough in bowl with wooden spoon, adding flour until too stiff to beat.



Put rest of flour on board. Turn out dough, knead until smooth. Let rise.



When dough is tripled in bulk, punch it down and cut into twelve portions.



Roll each portion toward you under palms, making rope of 1" diameter.



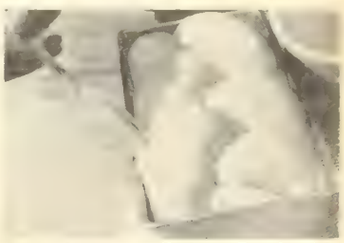
Line up three ropes and braid them together to make 1 loaf of challah.



When ropes are braided, pinch ends together firmly so they won't untwine.



Pick up bread and push into shape flat enough to fit into greased pan.



Leave in pan until risen. Brush with egg, sprinkle with poppy seeds. Bake.



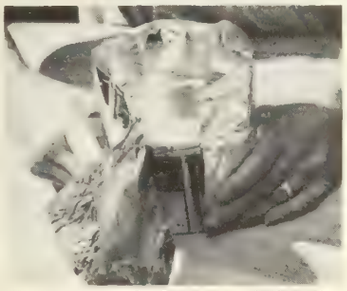
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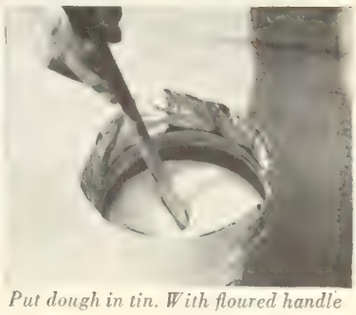
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How to make brioche loaves in coffee tins



Put a greased aluminum foil collar around coffee tin and tape in place.



Put dough in tin. With floured handle of wood spoon, make a hole in top.



Roll small piece of dough into ball with tapered end. Insert end in hole.



Let brioche loaf rise in tin until doubled. Brush with egg wash. Bake.

Brioche Loaves

1 *package granular yeast*
3 *tablespoons warm water*
½ *cup milk, scalded with* ½ *cup water*
½ *pound butter, cut into pieces*
¼ *teaspoon salt*
3 *eggs*
¼ *cup sugar*
3½ *cups all-purpose flour*
1 *egg yolk mixed with* 1 *teaspoon cold water*

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Pour the scalded milk and water into a large bowl and add the butter and salt. Stir until the butter is soft and partially melted. Add the eggs, sugar and flour and beat very thoroughly. Add the dissolved yeast and beat again. Cover the bowl and refrigerate overnight.

The next day, turn the dough out onto a lightly floured pastry board. Cut off one-tenth of the dough and reserve. Divide the remaining dough into thirds. Generously butter 3 coffee tins and tape a greased aluminum foil collar around each tin extending 1½" above the top. Shape each portion of the dough into a ball and place in a prepared tin. Divide the reserved dough in thirds and shape each piece into a ball with one tapered end. Make an indentation in the top of each large ball with the lightly floured handle of a wooden spoon. Insert a small ball, tapered end down, in each indentation. Set in a warm place to rise for 1½–2 hours, or until double in bulk. Brush the top of each brioche with the egg wash. Bake in a 400° oven for 27 minutes, or until the top is brown. Cool on racks. Makes 3 loaves.

Muffins, Rolls

Bacon Pogácsa

¼ *pound lean bacon*
2 *cups all-purpose flour*
2 *teaspoons baking powder*
½ *teaspoon salt*
1 *teaspoon sugar*
4 *tablespoons butter*
2 *egg yolks*
6 *tablespoons sour cream*

Fry the bacon until crisp. Measure 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat and chill in the freezer for 5 minutes. Pour off the remaining fat, drain the bacon on absorbent paper and crumble it. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into a bowl. Cut the butter and chilled bacon fat into the dry ingredients with a pastry blender or 2 knives until the mixture forms fine crumbs. Blend one of the egg yolks with the sour cream and stir into the crumbs with a fork until the dough holds together. Add the crumbled bacon and knead on a lightly floured board for 2 minutes.

Roll out the dough ½" thick and cut out 2" rounds with a cookie cutter or glass. Gather the scraps together, roll out and cut as above until all the dough is used up. Place the rounds ½" apart on a greased baking sheet. Lightly score the tops of the rounds in ⅛" squares with a sharp knife. Beat the remaining egg yolk with ½ teaspoon cold water and brush the tops of the rounds. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 1½ dozen pogácsa.

Miniature Cheese Rolls

1 *package granular yeast*
1 *cup warm water*
1½ *teaspoons Lawry's Seasoned Salt*
1 *tablespoon brown sugar*
2 *tablespoons vegetable shortening*
1½ *ounces Tilsit cheese, coarsely grated*
3 *tablespoons heavy cream*
2¼ *cups all-purpose flour*
Fine bread crumbs

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a mixing bowl. Add the salt, sugar, shortening, cheese and cream and stir until mixed. Add the flour and beat with a wooden spoon until the dough leaves the spoon and the sides of the bowl clean. Cover and set in a warm place to rise for 1½ hours, or until the dough doubles in bulk.

Generously grease 36 tiny muffin tins and dust them with fine bread crumbs. Place a rounded teaspoon of dough in each tin, and let rest for 15 minutes. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 20 minutes. Remove from the tins immediately and serve hot, or reheat before serving. Makes 3 dozen miniature rolls.

Harlequin Muffins

2 *cups all-purpose flour*
½ *teaspoon salt*
1 *tablespoon baking powder*
¼ *cup sugar*
1 *egg*
¾ *cup milk*
2 *tablespoons sour cream*
4 *tablespoons butter, melted and cooled*
2 *teaspoons cinnamon*

Mix the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar in a bowl. Beat the egg lightly in another bowl, add the milk, sour cream and cooled butter and beat with a whisk until blended. Pour over the dry ingredients and stir until just blended.

Spoon ½ the batter into 12 greased muffin cups, placing it to one side of each cup. Stir the cinnamon into the remaining batter and spoon it into the other side of the muffin cups, beside the light batter. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 17 minutes, or until light golden. Turn out onto racks to cool. Makes 1 dozen muffins.

Vera's Rolls

1 *teaspoons granular yeast*
⅓ *cup sugar*
2 *tablespoons warm water*
¼ *pound butter, cut into pieces*
5 *tablespoons margarine, cut into pieces*
1½ *cups milk, scalded*
2 *eggs, lightly beaten*
1 *teaspoon salt*
1 *teaspoon powdered cardamom*
4 *cups all-purpose flour*
2 *tablespoons butter, melted and cooled*
1 *egg yolk mixed with* 1 *teaspoon cold water*

Dissolve the yeast and 1 teaspoon of the sugar in the warm water until the mixture starts to bubble. Meanwhile place the butter and margarine pieces in a large mixing bowl, pour the scalded milk over them and let cool to lukewarm. Add the eggs, remaining sugar, salt, cardamom and dissolved yeast. Gradually beat in the flour, beating until the dough is smooth and leaves the spoon and sides of the bowl clean. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the dough overnight.

The next day, turn the dough out onto a lightly floured board and knead well, adding a little flour if the dough is sticky. Divide the dough in half and roll out each half into a 5"-by-10" rectangle. Brush the melted butter over the dough. Starting from a long side, roll up each piece of dough jelly-roll fashion. Cut each roll into 24 equal slices, and place cut side down and 1" apart on greased baking sheets. Cover lightly and set in a warm place to rise for 1 1½ hours, or until the dough doubles in bulk. Brush the tops of the rolls with the egg wash. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10–15 minutes, or until golden. Remove to racks to cool. Makes 4 dozen rolls.

Salad Dressing Muffins

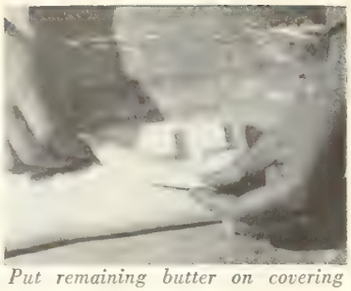
3 *cups all-purpose flour*
2 *tablespoons baking powder*
½ *teaspoon salt*
2 *tablespoons sugar*
2 *eggs*
½ *cup bottled French dressing*
1 *cup milk*

Place the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a bowl and mix them together. Beat the eggs with the French dressing in a separate bowl. Stir in the milk and ½ cup water. Add to the dry ingredients and stir just until they are moistened. Spoon into 18 well-greased muffin cups and bake in a preheated 425° oven for 15 minutes. Turn out onto a rack to cool. Serve warm or reheat the muffins before serving. Makes 1½ dozen muffins

How to fold and roll dough for Danish pastries



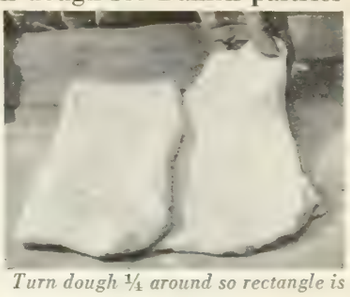
Put half the butter slices on center of dough, fold over one side to cover.



Put remaining butter on covering side and fold opposite side over it.



Press open edges together. Roll out and again fold dough into three layers.



Turn dough ¼ around so rectangle is horizontal. Repeat folding and rolling.

S.A.S. Croissants

1 package granular yeast
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon cold milk
1 teaspoon salt
2½ cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup cold margarine (1½ sticks), sliced

Dissolve the yeast and sugar in the milk for 5 minutes. Add the salt and 2 cups of the flour and mix to a sticky dough. Place the remaining ½ cup flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Dust the board lightly with flour and roll out the dough to a rectangle ⅓" thick. Place the sliced margarine over ⅔ of the dough. Fold the uncovered portion of the dough over half the margarine-covered surface, then fold the remaining dough on top, making 3 layers in all. Press the open edges together, sealing the dough completely.

With the folded edge nearest you, roll out the dough ⅓" thick and fold into 3 layers again. Turn the dough ¼ way around, and fold and roll it 3 more times. Roll it out once more, fold it in half and refrigerate the dough for 2 hours. (The rolling and folding must be done very quickly lest the margarine soften too much and ooze out of the dough. Use a minimum of flour to keep the board dry.)

Roll out the dough again to a rectangle ⅓" thick, cut it into 12 equal-sized squares, then cut each square into two triangles. Starting from the base of each triangle, roll up each piece of dough. Bend the ends to form crescents and place 1" apart on ungreased baking sheets. Let rise in a warm place for 3 hours, or until almost double in size. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 17 minutes, or until golden. Cool on racks. Serve fresh baked or reheat before serving. Makes 2 dozen croissants.

Swedish Skorpor

¼ pound plus 1 tablespoon butter
¼ cup sugar
2¼ cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ cup heavy cream

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift the flour with the baking powder and add to the butter-sugar mixture alternately with the cream and ⅓ cup water. Knead on a well-floured board until the dough is smooth. Flour the board again and roll ¼ of the dough and roll under the palms of your hands into a rope about ¾" in diameter. Cut into slices 1" thick. Roll the pieces into very smooth balls between the palms of your hands and place them 1½" apart on greased baking sheets. Bake them in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes, or until the bottoms are light brown and the tops uncolored.

Turn off the heat. Slice the skorpor in half crosswise, replace on the baking sheets and return to the oven for 20 minutes, or until dry and crisp. Makes about 100 halved skorpor.

Parmesan Bread Sticks

1 package granular yeast
½ cup warm water
⅓ cup milk, scalded
1 teaspoon butter
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 cups all-purpose flour

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water for 5 minutes. Pour the scalded milk into a bowl and add the butter, sugar, salt and cheese. Cool to lukewarm and add the dissolved yeast and 1½ cups of the flour. Beat with a wooden spoon until the dough is smooth. Place the remaining ½ cup flour on a pastry board and turn the dough out on top of it. Knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour has been absorbed. Place in a covered bowl and let rise in a warm place for 1 hour, or until double in bulk.

Divide the dough into 36 equal-sized pieces, and roll each piece under the palms of your hands into a rope 4"–4½" long. Place the pieces 1" apart on greased baking sheets and let rise for ¾ hour, or until double in bulk. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes. Turn off the heat and open the oven door for 5 minutes. Close the door and leave the bread sticks in the oven for 1 hour, or until dry and crisp. Store in an airtight tin. Makes 3 dozen bread sticks.

Rye English Muffins

1 cup milk, scalded
3 tablespoons butter
1½ teaspoons caraway seeds
1 tablespoon light molasses
1½ teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
1 package granular yeast
¼ cup warm water
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ cups rye flour (preferably stone-ground)
½ cup matzo meal

Combine the scalded milk, butter, caraway seeds, molasses, salt and sugar. Let cool to lukewarm. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water in a bowl. Add the milk mixture, all-purpose flour and rye flour and stir until the dough holds together. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead until the dough is smooth. Place the dough in a covered bowl and let rise in a warm place for 1½ hours, or until double in bulk. Sprinkle the matzo meal on the board, and roll out the dough ½" thick. Cut out 3" circles of dough with a cookie cutter or glass. Gather the scraps together, roll out again and cut additional circles until the dough is used up. (In gathering together the scraps of dough, do not overwork them.) Leave circles on the board for ½ hour, until lightly risen, or almost doubled in bulk.

Carefully transfer the circles, matzo-meal side down, to lightly greased griddles or heavy iron pans. Bake over direct low-to-medium heat for 15 minutes, watching carefully for burning. When the undersides are golden brown, turn and bake an additional 15 minutes, or until golden brown on the other side. Cool on racks. Makes approximately 18–20 muffins.

Sesame Wafers

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons wheat germ
¼ cup rye flour
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening or lard
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
2 tablespoons honey
¼ cup milk

Combine the all-purpose flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, wheat germ and rye flour in a bowl. Cut the butter and shortening into the dry ingredients with a pastry blender or 2 knives until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Add the sesame seeds, honey and milk and stir with a fork until the dough holds together. Roll out the dough 1/16" thick on a lightly floured board. Cut the dough into 1"-by-2½" rectangles with a pastry wheel and place them ½" apart on greased baking sheets. Gather the scraps of dough together, roll and cut as before. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 13 minutes, or until nut-brown around the edges. Remove to a rack to cool. Makes about 50 wafers.

Sweet Rolls, Tea Breads, Coffee Cakes

Baking Powder Limpa

1½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ cups rye flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon fennel seeds, pulverized
1½ cups buttermilk
¼ cup light molasses
4 tablespoons butter, melted
3 tablespoons finely minced candied orange rind

Mix the all-purpose flour, rye flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder and fennel seeds in a bowl. Stir together the buttermilk, molasses, melted butter and candied orange rind in a separate bowl. Add to the dry ingredients and mix just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Spread evenly in a well-greased 4½"-by-8½" loaf pan and bake in a preheated 325° oven for 1 hour, or until the top springs back when pressed gently. Cool on a rack. Makes 1 loaf.

Filled Crescents

1 package granular yeast
2 tablespoons warm water
2¼ cups all-purpose flour
⅛ teaspoon salt
½ cup sugar
¼ pound sweet butter
1 tablespoon grated orange rind
2 eggs, beaten
5 tablespoons sour cream
1 tablespoon heavy cream
¼ cup light raisins
¼ cup light brown sugar
3 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup pecans, chopped
½ teaspoon orange extract

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Mix the flour, salt and ¼ cup sugar in a bowl. Cut in the sweet butter with a pastry blender or 2 knives. Add the orange rind, 1½ beaten eggs (reserve remaining ½ beaten egg), 3 tablespoons sour cream, the heavy cream and the dissolved yeast. Knead until the dough comes clean from the sides of the bowl. Cover and chill for 4 hours, or overnight.

Divide the dough into 4 parts. Roll out one part at a time into a 9" round on a lightly floured board. Cut each round into 6 pie-shaped wedges. Make a filling by combining the raisins, remaining ¼ cup sugar, the light brown sugar, melted butter, pecans, remaining 2 tablespoons sour cream and the orange extract. Put a spoonful of the filling at the base of each wedge, roll up toward the point, bend into a crescent shape and place the crescents 2" apart on greased baking sheets.

Brush the tops of the crescents with the reserved ½ beaten egg, and set in a warm place to rise for 2 hours, or until double in bulk. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool on racks. Makes 2 dozen crescents.

Cream Cheese and Jam Muffins

¼ cup butter
¼ cup cream cheese
¼ cup sugar
2 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup milk
⅔ cup gooseberry (or other whole-berry) jam

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream the butter, cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt and add to the butter mixture alternately with the milk and ⅔ cup water. Stir just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon into 18 well-greased muffin cups and top with a little gooseberry jam. Raise the heat to 400° and bake for 18 minutes. Remove the muffins to a rack to cool. Makes 1½ dozen muffins.

Baking Powder Stollen

1⅔ cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
6 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon mace
½ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup small-curd cottage cheese
⅓ cup butter
⅓ cup ground almonds
½ cup light raisins
½ cup diced candied cherries
⅓ cup diced candied orange peel
1 egg
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon soft butter
¼ cup sifted confectioners' sugar

Place the first 12 ingredients on a pastry board. Make a well in the center and drop in the egg and the vanilla. Mix everything together to a smooth dough with your hands. Pat out to a 6"-by-10" rectangle. Fold over one third of the dough from the long side to make a 4"-by-10" loaf. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake in a preheated 325° oven for 45 minutes. Brush the top with the soft butter and dust with the confectioners' sugar. Cool on a rack, wrap in foil or a plastic bag and refrigerate for 2 weeks before using. Makes 1 coffee cake.

Apricot Danish Pastries

1 package granular yeast
¼ cup warm water
¼ cup milk, scalded
2 eggs, lightly beaten
6 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons soft butter
2 cups all-purpose flour
10 tablespoons cold butter, sliced thin
20 large dried apricot halves
¼ cup apricot jam
1 tablespoon apricot brandy

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Pour the scalded milk into a bowl. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the beaten eggs and add the remainder to the milk with 4 tablespoons sugar, the salt, almond extract and soft butter. Cool to lukewarm. Add the dissolved yeast and 1¾ cups of the flour. Beat thoroughly. Place the remaining ¼ cup flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Let the dough rest for ½ hour.

Flour the board lightly. Roll out the dough to a rectangle ⅛" thick with a floured rolling pin. Place half the butter slices on the center third of the dough. Fold one end of the dough over the butter. Place the remaining butter on that third of the dough, then fold over the other end of the dough. (You now have 3 layers of dough with butter between each layer.) Pinch the open edges of the dough together to enclose the butter completely. Flatten the dough slightly with the rolling pin (press down, do not roll) and place the dough in a freezer for 15 minutes.

Flour the board lightly again. Place the dough on the board with the folded edge nearest you. Press lightly with the rolling pin all over the surface of the dough, then roll out away from you in a series of quick, light back-and-forth rolling movements, to keep the butter from breaking through the surface. When the dough is ⅓" thick, fold the right-hand third toward the center, then fold the left-hand third over it, making 3 layers again.

Turn the dough ¼ way around so that an open edge is nearest you. Repeat this rolling, folding and turning until the butter is blended smoothly into the dough. (If the butter starts to ooze out during the rolling, chill the dough in the freezer for a few minutes before proceeding.) Chill the dough for ¾ hour.

While the dough is chilling, make the filling: Simmer the apricots in water to cover for ½ hour, or until soft. Drain, mash the fruit, and stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar, the jam and brandy. Chill.

Roll out the dough to a square ¼" thick on a lightly floured board. Cut the dough into 16 squares and place a portion of the filling on the center of each square. Bend each corner of the square almost to the center and press down very gently so that the filling does not spread. Place 1½" apart on greased baking sheets and set in a warm place to rise for 1½ hours, or until double in bulk. Dilute the reserved 2 tablespoons beaten egg with 1 tablespoon cold water and brush on the top of each pastry. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes, or until golden. Serve warm or reheated. Makes 16 pastries.

Date and Nut Bread

2 tablespoons butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
Boiling water
Juice and grated rind of 1 orange
1 cup chopped dates
2 cups chopped walnuts

Beat the butter, sugar and egg until light and fluffy. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the flour and sift the remaining flour with the baking powder and baking soda. Add enough boiling water to the orange juice to measure 1 cup liquid. Alternately add the sifted dry ingredients and the liquid to the batter. Stir in the grated orange rind. Dredge the dates with the reserved flour and fold into the batter with the chopped nuts. Spoon into a well-greased 5"-by-9" loaf pan and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 50–60 minutes, or until the sides of the bread start to shrink from the pan. Remove to a rack to cool. Makes 1 loaf.

Brookline Banana Bread

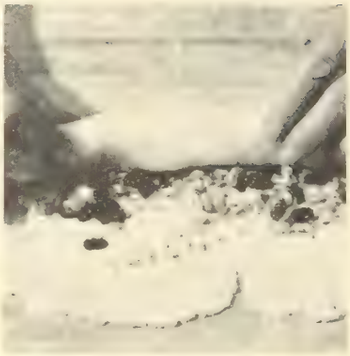
¼ pound butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1½ cups mashed banana pulp (about 3–4)
1¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
Fine bread crumbs

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and banana pulp and beat thoroughly. Sift the flour with the baking soda and add to the batter alternately with the sour cream and vanilla. Grease a 3½"-by-12" loaf pan and dust it with fine bread crumbs. Pour in the batter and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 50–55 minutes, or until the bread starts to shrink from the sides of the pan and the top springs back when pressed gently. Leave the bread in the pan for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a rack to cool. Makes 1 loaf.

How to make Nell's Coffee Ring



Roll dough out to rectangle. Spread with meringue, sprinkle with filling, leaving ¾" border on the long sides.



Starting at an uncovered border, roll up like jelly roll. Pinch ends together. Bend into circle on greased sheet.



With kitchen shears, make diagonal cuts in ring 1" apart, starting from outside and cutting ¾ way through.



Carefully turn each slice with fingers so it lies on its side with filling exposed. Bake ring for 25 minutes.

Nell's Coffee Ring

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
6 tablespoons sugar
½ cup vegetable shortening
1 egg, separated
3 tablespoons cold milk
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¾ cup seedless raisins
⅓ cup walnuts, chopped
Confectioners' sugar

Place the flour, baking powder and 2 tablespoons of the sugar in a bowl. Cut the shortening into the dry ingredients with a pastry blender or 2 knives until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Blend the egg yolk with the milk, add to the crumb mixture and stir with a fork until the dough begins to hold together. Knead on a lightly floured board until the dough is smooth.

Roll out to a 6"-by-14" rectangle. Beat the egg white until it stands in soft peaks and gradually add the remaining 4 tablespoons sugar, beating constantly, until the meringue is thick and shiny. Spread the meringue over the surface of the dough, leaving a ¾" border on each long side uncovered. Sprinkle the cinnamon, raisins and nuts over the meringue and roll up the dough jelly-roll fashion. Pinch the ends together, place on a greased baking sheet and bend into a circle. Make diagonal cuts 1" apart with kitchen shears starting from the outside of the ring and extending ¾ of the way through the ring. Turn each slice on its side. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 25 minutes. Remove to a rack to cool. Dust generously with confectioners' sugar. Serves 5–6.

Candied Fruit Stollen

2 packages granular yeast
1 cup sugar
1⅓ cups warm milk
7½ cups all-purpose flour
16 tablespoons (2 sticks) soft butter
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups diced candied fruits
½ cup confectioners' sugar

Dissolve the yeast with 1 tablespoon of the sugar in the warm milk for 15 minutes, or until it starts to get bubbly. Add 1 cups of the flour, 11 tablespoons of the butter, the salt and the remaining sugar. Beat thoroughly. Place the remaining 1⅓ cups flour on a pastry board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and sticky and all the flour absorbed. Add the fruits and knead just until they have been incorporated into the dough.

Place in a covered bowl and let rise in a warm place for 4–5 hours, or until almost double in bulk. Divide the dough in half and roll or pat out each half to a 7"-by-9" rectangle. Fold over ⅓ of the dough of each rectangle to form two 1½"-by-9" rectangles with one side higher than the other. Place on a large greased baking sheet and let rest for 10 minutes. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 35–40 minutes, or until golden. Remove from the oven, spread with the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and dust with the confectioners' sugar. Cool on racks, wrap in foil or plastic bags and store in the refrigerator for 10 days before using. The stollen will stay fresh for several months in the refrigerator. Makes 2 loaves.

Filled Bundt Kuchen

1 package granular yeast
¼ cup warm milk
½ cup hot milk
6 tablespoons butter
⅔ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg yolk
2 cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup raisins
Confectioners' sugar

Dissolve the yeast in the warm milk. Pour the hot milk into a bowl. Cut 4 tablespoons of the butter into pieces and add to the hot milk with 1 tablespoon of the sugar, the salt and the egg yolk. Stir until the butter is melted and all the ingredients are blended. Add the dissolved yeast. Gradually add flour until the dough gets too stiff to stir with a spoon. Place the remaining flour on a board, turn the dough out on top of it and knead until the dough is smooth and all the flour absorbed. Place the dough in a covered bowl and set in a warm place to rise for 1½ hours, or until double in bulk.

Roll the dough out to a rectangle a scant ¼" thick on a lightly floured board. Soften the remaining 2 tablespoons butter and spread it over the surface of the dough. Sprinkle with the cinnamon, remaining sugar and raisins. Roll up jelly-roll fashion, and place in a well-greased fluted 9" tube pan. Set in a warm place to rise for 1½–2 hours, or until double in bulk. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 25–30 minutes. Turn out onto a rack to cool. Dust generously with confectioners' sugar. Makes 1 coffee cake.

Marmalade Coffee Cake

2⅓ cups all-purpose flour
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup plus 4 teaspoons sugar
2 eggs, separated
¾ cup milk
4 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons orange marmalade
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Sift 2 cups of the flour, the baking powder and ¾ cup of the sugar into a mixing bowl. Beat the egg yolks lightly in another bowl. Add the milk, 2 tablespoons butter and vanilla and stir until blended. Pour over the dry ingredients and mix lightly. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into the batter with the marmalade. Spread the batter evenly in a well-greased 9"-by-12" pan.

Place the remaining ⅓ cup flour, ⅓ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter and the cinnamon in the bowl in which the batter was mixed. Scrape down any batter clinging to the sides of the bowl. Rub all the ingredients together with your finger tips until the mixture forms crumbs. Sprinkle this crumb mixture over the batter. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 25 minutes. Serves 8–10.

Apple Butter Tea Bread

1½ cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg
4 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup apple butter
¼ cup milk
¼ cup apple juice or cider
½ cup raisins

Sift together 1½ cups of the flour, the baking powder, sugar, cinnamon and salt in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the center and place the egg, butter, apple butter, milk and apple juice or cider in the well. Mix just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Dredge the raisins with the remaining 2 tablespoons flour, fold into the batter and pour into a well-greased 9"-by-5" baking pan. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes. Turn out onto a rack to cool. Wrapped in foil, this bread keeps for a week or more in the refrigerator. Makes 1 loaf.



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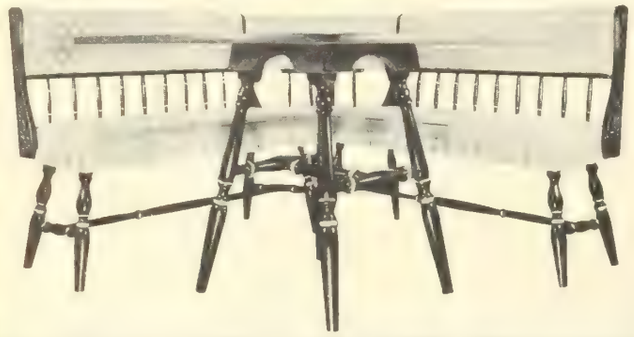
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many firms all over the country that will not only drill it, but will also design your whole plumbing and septic system and provide maintenance services which, after you have paid the annual fee, you can forget. When you plan your water capacity, be extravagant. Each year, attractive new equipment and devices appear which you may not be able to resist. You can't have them without plenty of water. Today the average family with two bathrooms, a washing machine and a dishwasher uses 650 gallons a day, so you can imagine how much more you will need for devices-of-the-future. Remember, an ocean of water will do no good unless it is of impeccable quality.

Quality of water

All city water is cleaned and purified by a chemical system so elaborate that city dwellers rarely need to worry about the quality of their supply. If you live in the country and own a well fed by underground springs (never, whatever you do, accept a lake or running stream as a source of water), you are likely to find the water consistently pure. Once a year, however, it is a good idea to have it tested for contamination from outside sources which may range from a faulty drainage system to chemical infiltration from the new factory just built a few miles down the road. In some states, your local county or township health department will conduct the tests. In others—a majority—you will have to use a private laboratory.

The hardness of water, too, is a ticklish problem. "Hardness," of course, means a predominance of minerals and salts in the water with a consequent eroding and staining reaction that plays hob with pipes and fixtures. So while you're at it, have your water tested for hardness as well as purity. (The same laboratory will conduct both tests.) If hardness is your lot, the answer is an automatic water softener, a piece of equipment requiring little attention and about the same installation space as a small washing machine. The most up-to-date of these water conditioners is the automatic type that provides unlimited soft water quietly and economically with electrically timed recharging cycles of backwashing, brining and rinsing.

Drains

Getting water out of the house should be planned as carefully as bringing it in. If you live in the city, the problem is taken care of for you. But if you are an exurbanite, you may have to fend for yourself by means of a septic system. Over the years, although nothing very revolutionary has happened to the septic tank, it has been improved and refined to the point of exemplary performance, and if your country house is new, its septic system, in all likelihood, will be the latest model, and a good one. It is only when you buy an old house and an old system that you must watch your step. Have the system examined by an expert, and, if it needs attention, proceed accordingly, or you may wake up a year later to find your front lawn has had to be riddled with trenches and your Creeping Bent is a thing of the past.

You should also be careful to use detergents and laundry chemicals with a light hand. A little of these determined products goes a long way; an overdose will not do the job any better, and may clog your drainage system. If it should become clogged, willy-nilly, you may find your system is not properly vented and trapped air bubbles are agitating soapy water, thus creating a superabundance of extra suds. This calls for a plumber and a remedying of pipes. In winter, grease may produce clogging since it will congeal the minute it strikes a cold pipe. So, in cold weather, before using the dishwasher or washing machine, run a good torrent of hot water down the drain to warm the pipes and hurry grease on its way.



Water whirls in an entirely different pattern when you change the head of the fountain on page 150—a simple matter of unscrewing the one and substituting the other. Ten designs are available—some stationary, others revolving—and all parts of the equipment are made of non-corrosive metal or plastic. Canal Electric.

WHAT'S NEW FOR LIVING

COMMUNAL ARCHITECTURE is the theme of a photographic exhibit soon to go on tour from New York's Museum of Modern Art. Ranging in time from pre-history to the present and covering sixty countries, the survey shows how man lives—and has lived—in wondrous adaptation to his environment and his needs. In "Architecture without Architects," you see whole towns built underground, in caves, on sleds, wheels and boats; cut from rock and perched on cliffs—and all have something to say to us. According to Bernard Rudofsky, architect responsible for the exhibition, "This non-pedigreed architecture gives tangible evidence of more



humane, more intelligent ways of living. . . . These untutored buildings do not subordinate the general welfare to the pursuit of profit and progress, for progress that takes no account of human needs is self-defeating." Visible also are examples of "primitive" technology that anticipates modern conveniences such as air conditioning, floor heating, light control and elevators. And pictured besides homes and towns are some early industrial and agricultural structures such as the Spanish "fire-and-vermin-proof" granite corn crib, *above*, built about 500 B. C. The show will be at the Graham Foundation, Chicago, March 26–April 18; at the Dayton Art Institute, May 3–31. Museum of Modern Art. 11 West 53rd Street. New York, N. Y. 10019.

SLIDING PANEL DRAPERIES are a revolutionary development in window treatments. The Kirsch Company, makers of curtain and drapery hardware, has designed a system called Panel-Trac that enables you to hang flat panels of fabric from a ceiling track, held taut by hold-down rods in the bottom hem. Each panel (24-, 36-, 48-inch widths are the most common for home use) moves on its own ceiling track and is attached by small finger clamps to successive panels. You can separate them at the center and draw to each side, or draw all of them to either side.

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DONE-TO-A-TURN MEATS are promised by a new automatic oven control called the Tender-matic. Available on four of Frigidaire's new electric ranges, the thermostat is recommended for the long, slow, low-temperature cooking that can turn inexpensive cuts of meat into succulent roasts. After an initial roasting period at 325 degrees, the temperature is automatically turned back for the long-term cooking of eight hours or more.

Another new cooking control from Frigidaire, the Meal-Minder, enables you to set your oven for a specified cooking time, after which it automatically turns itself down to a holding temperature of 155 degrees, keeping foods warm, but not overcooked. Frigidaire Division, General Motors Corporation, Dayton, Ohio.

STAND-UP DESK, *below*, for people who think or work better on their feet is part of a new group of "action furniture" designed by George Nelson. The new elbow-height desk was created after a research division of Herman Miller, Inc., observed how people behave in offices and found among other things that creative workers often prefer to stand, lean, pace and in general move around instead of sit at the conventional desk. Another innovation is a sort



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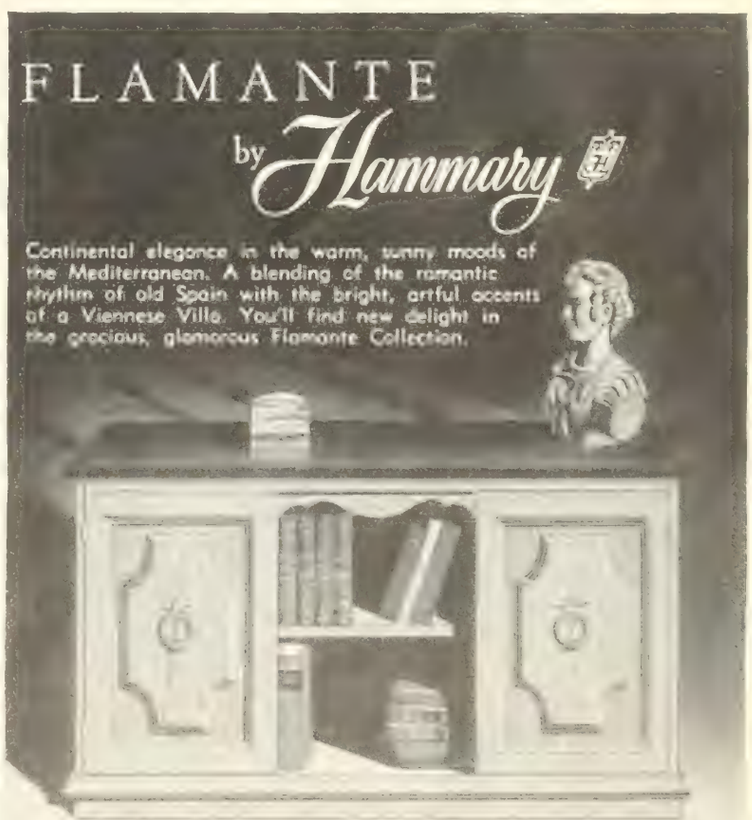
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Walking up the path from the street you come to a pair of entrance gates with an antique bronze finish. Shortly beyond these, on the left, is a slatted wood fence that screens a thickly planted court outside kitchen.



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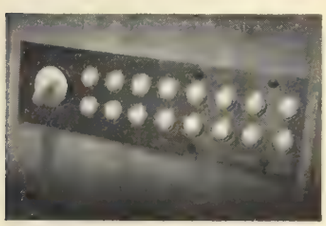
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Night lighting controls are set in bronze-finished switch plates specially designed by the architect. White porcelain buttons take the place of usual flip switches; simple dial at left controls dimmer.



Intercom station and music system controls for outdoor living area are unobtrusively installed in the outside wall of the pool house. A redwood panel is a protective cover.

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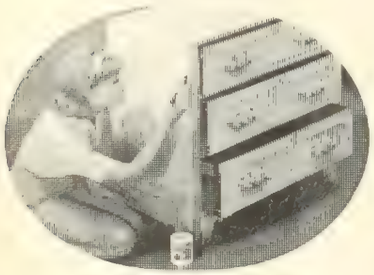
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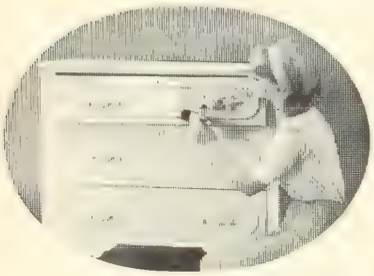
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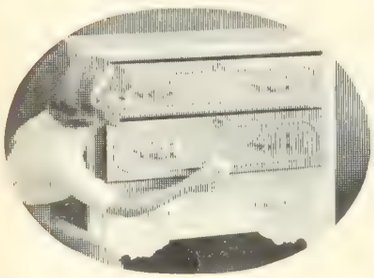
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Rug: "Serape" by Cabin Crafts

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Sheets, pillowcases: "Carnation Stripe".
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Fabrics: "Barbados Stripe" 54" w. cotton, $3.95 yd. Welting, "Concordia" 48" w. cotton, $2.50 yd. Both by Everfast Fabrics.
Sofa and chair covering, "Sport Duck," 45" w. cotton, $1.19 yd. Wellington Sears.
Rug: "Pontio" wool/nylon, 6' x 9', $94. Bigelow.
Laminated window shades, made-to-order by Window Shade Mfrs. Assoc.
"Dominic" cocktail table, brass and pewter base, glass top, 20" x 40". Ben Karpen Furniture Co.*
Lamp, 29½" h., $22.50. By Nathan Lagin. At Lord & Taylor, New York, N. Y. 10018.
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Bedspread and dust ruffle, queen size, $49.75. Curtains, 99" l., $14.95 pr. Table cover, 90" diam., $11.95. Cotton fabric, 45" w., $1.50 yd. All by Tiger Things.
Headboard, cane panel, black lacquer finished frame, $66. Founders.
Chest, carved on three sides, oil and wax finish, 28" h., 20½" d., 20½" w., $247. World Wide Design, 232 E. 59th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Rattan table, 30" diam., 28" h.; chairs, 27" h., Hathore House.*
Carpet, sisal with rubberized backing, $7 sq. yd. Scandinavian Marketing Assoc.
Laminated window shades made-to-order by Window Shade Mfrs. Assoc.
Lamp, 29½" h., $22.50. By Nathan Lagin. At Lord & Taylor. Table settings from Azuma.
Page 117, *top:*
Sheets: "Turn About Dots," percale, double, $4.69; twin, $3.69; pillowcases, $1.19 ea. Pequot.
Bottom left:
Everything available at B. Altman & Company, New York, N. Y. 10016.
Wallpaper: washable, patent leather-like surface, $12 roll.
Drapery fabric: velvet, $4.95 yd. Curtain fabric: rayon and silk taffeta, $7.50 yd.
Bedspread and headboard fabric: "Mansart" cotton velvet. $25. yd.
Chaise upholstery: cotton suede cloth, $4.95 yd.
Tub chair upholstery: tortoise patterned leather, $1.55 sq. ft.
Bed, headboard and frame, antiqued painted finish, $325. Brass tent canopy, silk top, custom-made, $400.
Chaise, upholstered in cotton suede cloth, $735.
Rosewood desk, $270. Tub chair upholstered in tortoise patterned leather, $350.
Brass desk lamp, parchment shade, $450.
Pedestal table, inlaid veneer top, $395.
Antique "silver chest" of yew wood, $550.
Carpet, "Balmoral Bronze" wool, $18.22 sq. yd.
Page 118, *top left:*
Rug: "Checkerboard" Caprolan nylon, 4' x 6', $79.95. Regal Rugs.
Bottom left:
Wallpaper: "Tiger" comes in panels 27" w., 8'9" l. Leoda de Mar Inc.*
Bottom right:
Upholstery fabric: "Kerry Plaid" 48" w. cotton, $4 yd. Waverly.
Page 119, *top left:*
Everything available at Bloomingdale's, New York, N. Y. 10022.
Sofa, hound's-tooth check upholstery, solid oiled walnut frame, foam rubber seat cushions, down and feather back cushions, 82" l., $681.
Tufted ottoman on recessed casters, 21" w., 24" l., $154.
Folding chairs, rosewood and black leather, $229 ea.
Cocktail table, smoked glass and architectural bronze, 30" sq. 14" h., $195.
Buffet base, rosewood, 77½" x 18" x 23", $319. Triple dresser, rosewood, 77" x 18" x 23", $319.
Room divider: "Plisse" 48" w. cotton, $7.50 yd.
Rug: "Flocati" wool, 8' x 8', $267.95.
Lamp: brass stem, $89.95.
Painting by Franco Assetto.
Top right:
Shower Curtain: "Lancer," $11.50. Tiger Things.
Towels: "Polka Dot" bath, $2; hand, $1.19; washcloth, 50c. Cannon.
Carpet: "Greenbrier" cotton, $14.95 sq. yd. Carter Brothers.
Bottom left:
Fabrics: "Wellesley" woven check, 54" w. cotton and rayon, $4 yd. "Bedford" (chair cushions) 54" w. cotton and rayon, $4 yd. Shulman-Sunshine, Inc.
Vinyl flooring: "Polka Dots" custom-made by Robbins.
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Center right:
Photographed at the Capital Park Apartments, Washington, D.C.
Fabric: "Maharajah Plaid" 92" w. cotton made in India, $10.20 yd. Design Imports, P.O. Box 81, Cos Cob, Conn.
Rug: "Serape" Acrilan and modacrylic, 9' x 12', $249.95. Cabin Crafts.
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Bottom right:
Sheets, pillowcases, blankets: "Carnation Stripe," double, $4.99; twin, $3.99; pillowcase, $1.35 ea.; Blanket, "Peeress" velvet binding, 72" x 90", $24.95. Pepperell Mills.
Window shade: by Window Shade Mfrs. Assoc.

Jade
Page 134, *top:*
Upholstery: "Decor '64" 54" w. Naugahyde, $5 yd. U. S. Rubber.
Bottom:
Vinyl wallcovering and floorcovering: "Meissen." Howard & Schaffer Inc.*
Tablecloth, linen, 70" diam., $9.98; napkins, 69c ea. Fallani & Cohn.
Page 135, *top left:*
Awning: "Bimini" 31" w. vinyl-coated cotton duck, $3 yd. John Boyle.
Director's chairs, in white finish, $10 ea.; acrylic striped canvas seat and back, $5 set. Telescope Folding Furniture Co.
Bottom left:
Slipcovers: "Sport Duck" 45" w., washable cotton, $1.19 yd. Wellington Sears.
Welting: 50" w. washable cotton, $2.95 yd. Cohama. Area rug: "Tiara" wool, 6′ x 9′, without fringe, $80. C. H. Masland & Sons. Tôle lamp, 38" h., Lange & Williams Inc.*
Right:
Wallcovering: "Bouquet de Style," gingham taffeta vinyl. Louis Bowen Inc.*
Shower curtain fabric: "Bouquet de Style," 50" w. cotton and rayon. Kent-Bragaline, Inc.*
Towels: "Royal Velvet" bath, $3.99; hand, $1.99. Fieldcrest Mills.
Carpet: "Princess" pre-shrunk cotton, $18 sq. yd. Carter Brothers, Inc.
Parties with a new idea
Pages 138 & 139:
Felt, 72" w. wool and rayon, $3.98 yd. Central Felt.
Flatware: "Colonial Theme" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $46. Lunt.
Dinnerware: "Mandalay" Pasco Bavarian china, 5-pc. place setting, $16.95. Cake plate with handles, 11" diam., $11.25. B. Altman & Co., New York, N. Y. 10016.
Glassware: "Exquisit" Pasco hand-blown crystal champagnes, $4 ea. Seabon, 54 E. 54th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Teak trays, 12" diam., $5 ea. Plummer McCutcheon, 3 E. 57th St., New York. N. Y. 10022.
Casseroles: "Creusetware" 16 oz. red only, $3.95 ea. Bazar Français, 666 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10010.
Napkins: hemstitched linen, 16" sq., $1 ea. John Matouk.
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Pages 140 & 141:
Felt: 72" w. wool and rayon, $3.98 yd. Central Felt.
Flatware: "Francis First" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $53.75. "Hampton Court" sterling cold meat fork and pierced serving spoon, $17.50 ea. Reed & Barton.
Dinnerware: "Hanover" English bone china, 5-pc. place setting, $67.50. Minton.
Glassware: "Burgos" cut crystal goblets, $14.50 ea. Rhine wines, $12.50 ea. Baccarat & Porthault, 55 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Napkins: hemstitched linen, 16" sq., $1 ea. John Matouk.
Tables: Marbleized pedestal, 29" h., clamp-on marbleized dining top, 34" diam., felt-covered clamp-on square card top, 34", 3 pcs., $340. Designed by and available through Marjorie Borradaile Helsel, Interiors, Inc., 960 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10028.
Fantasy finishes at work
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13. Teacart, unpainted, wood turned bamboo, comes in easy to assemble kit. $87.45. Islander Designs Inc., 5 Taylor Place, Westport, Conn. 06880.
Pasco china on teacart.
Painting, "By the Seashore" by Stefano Cusumano. Gallery 63, Inc.
Coffee table, mirror stainless steel base, ¾" polished plate glass top. Cumberland Furniture.*
Rug, "Pastoral" wool, custom-made. Edward Fields.*
Party furniture
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Mobile breakfast bar, sides open out to form a table. Oil walnut patterned pressure laminated surface on top and leaves, two storage drawers, 42" x 18" x 30" h., $230. Founders.
"Carousel" slide projector, holds 80 slides in circular tray, $149.50. Kodak.
"Skate Chairs" fruitwood frames, ball casters, 24" x 19" x 24", in muslin, $258. John Widdicomb.
Folding party table, teak with inlaid plastic laminate top, 40" x 20", folds to 20" x 2", $79. Moreddi, Inc.
"Probe" word game, $6. Parker.
French hare rug, 4′ x 6′, $325. Jansen Shop, 42 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.
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Drop-leaf "lamp" table, Colonial mahogany finish. 38" w., 100½" l. (with 4 leaves), $300. Heritage Furniture.
Table appointments from Royal Worcester.
"T-Square" benches, oiled walnut finish, with arm rest, 22" h., 21" w., 26" d., $49.95; without arm rest, 16½" h., 21" w., 21" d., $39.95. Richardson Nemschoff.
Classical guitar, without case, $295. Carroll Service Corp., 209 W. 48th St., New York, N. Y. 10036.
Teak bar, tray and interior lined in laminated plastic, 28" x 18" x 23" h., in teak or walnut, $225, in rosewood, $265. Selig Mfg. Co. "Claridge" tumbler, $10.50 ea.; "Hampshire Cutting" ice bucket, $19.50; tankard jug, $24.50. Stuart Crystal.
Kitchen colors
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Ovens: food warmer; cooking top. Thermador.
Refrigerator, ice maker. Sub-Zero.
Sinks. Elkay.
Dishwasher, disposal. Hotpoint.
Countertops. Formica.
Barbecue. Majestic Char Grill.
Intercom. Rittenhouse.
Clock. Howard Miller.
Vinyl flooring. Robbins.
Everything else privately owned.
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Cabinets; Coldspot refrigerator; Kenmore washing machine. All from Sears, Roebuck.
Countertops. Formica.
Range. O'Keefe & Merritt.
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Refrigerator; dishwasher. General Electric.
Cooking top. Thermador.
Ovens. Westinghouse.
Hood. Nautilus.
Centura 2-qt. covered saucepan, $7.95; detachable handle, $2. Corning.
Wallpaper, "Victoria." Matching fabric also available. Leoda de Mar Inc.*
Vinyl flooring. Amtico.
Everything else privately owned.
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Accessories:
Checked tablecloth, linen, 52" sq., $4.98. William Ewart & Son.
"Grand Prix D'Or" china dessert plates, $4.25 ea.; cups and saucers, $6.75 per set. Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.
Cutting board, $3.50; cold food server, glass with insert, $2.50; "Splendor" cocktail glasses, set of 12, $18. All from Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.
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Chairs in Pairs

The best reason for duplicating that useful piece of furniture, the chair, was most perfectly summed up by Thoreau when he wrote, "I have three chairs in my house: one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society." But whether used singly or in a pair or more for sociability, a chair should have certain virtues: it should be comfortable, attractively designed, durably constructed, suitable for several different settings. Such is the character of this neatly scaled chair selected as this month's choice for furniture with a future—one, in fact, H&G considers at its best when repeated in a pair. As a team, the chairs, with their gracefully curved backs, upholstery detailing in the semi-attached pillows and tailored skirts, are distinguished enough to hold their own in the most formal living room, or to be the important accent in a bedroom. They can give definition to a conversational grouping, and their identical shapes provide the kind of balance and unity that is called for in a well-decorated room. For the slouch loungers in the house, cloud nine seating comfort is ensured by an exclusive cushioning using DuPont's D-76 polyester fiber. Yet the frame is comparatively small—29 inches wide by 30½ inches deep. Chairs, Woodmark Originals, come with arm covers to match upholstery.



Two chairs plus a sofa and an overscaled coffee table could create the major seating area for social gatherings. The chairs, deceptively light, can be moved about as the occasion demands.



A pair of chairs flanking a fireplace invites friendly conversation. Here, the design of the chair backs repeats the curved frames of bookcases and mirror and adds unity to the room.

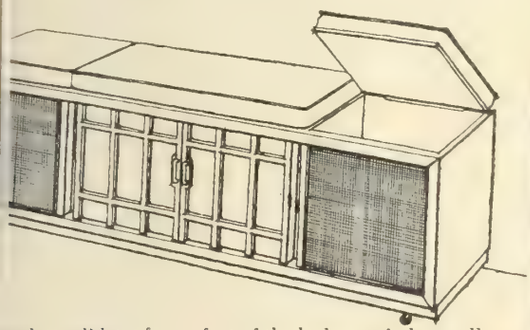
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A pair of chairs might be divided between two bedrooms, providing two members of a family with a place to relax or read in welcome solitude away from the hum of household goings-on.

'irst berths for your first records

ou are the owner of a new and growing record collection, or you and spouse have just begun to build a music library, you are undoubtedly d with the problem of where to keep it. Few people can afford to start ith an expensive music wall with built-to-order fittings. But at least a est investment in proper storage facilities is essential to safeguard investment in records. Generally speaking, records should be braced upright position so they will not warp. The ones that you play frequently may be kept out on an open storage cart or wall-mounted file where are easily available. (Before you play them, wipe them off with a ially treated cloth to remove dust and eliminate static.) There are also rd storage cabinets in many styles that can double as console buffets en as seats beneath a window.

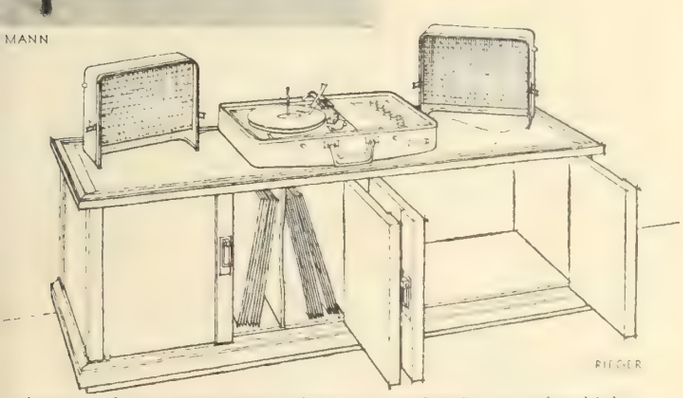


ood candidate for a foot-of-the-bed or window-wall is a butternut cabinet on casters that contains record ge as well as a built-in turntable, AM-FM and FM o-radio with six speakers. Top is upholstered with hane cushions covered in black vinyl. On casters: 66½ es by 18⅛ inches by 19¾ inches high. Motorola. $550.



A simple filing system is part and parcel of the Hue View record stand, *left*. It comes with booklet of color swatches to identify jazz, folk, symphony, dance, opera, musical comedy, etc., and corresponding squares of colored paper to tape on record jackets. File records according to color between wire dividers. Top accommodates portable record player. Lu Van, Inc., $16.95.

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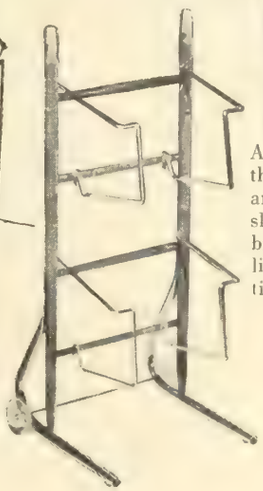


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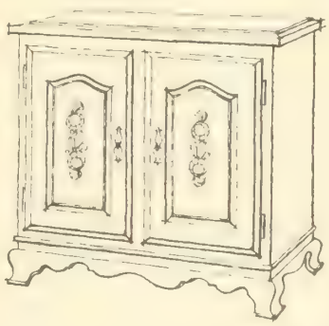
g. low console on casters (60 inches by 18 inches by 19 inches high) vides storage for a burgeoning collection of records plus stowaway space a record player (such as the Fisher portable stereo, *above*, $299.50). Parons in left-hand compartment are removable in case you want to reassign t of the storage space to something else. Doors are fitted with magnetic ches, antiqued brass pulls. Butternut and elm, by Brandt. $169.50.



Wall-hung walnut rack, *left*, is slotted to hold forty-eight single records or twenty-four two-record albums. Mounted on the wall near a record player or on the inside of a closet door, it could be filled with frequently played favorites. Hardboard divider panels are available for converting it into a rack for sheet music or magazines as your needs change. By Glenn of California. $103.



An ingenious device for carting music to the party scene. The "Browser," *left*, holds an assortment of 100 records. The discs slip easily in and out between the metal brackets, and you can tilt the cart back like a wheelbarrow, roll it around on plastic wheels. Gusdorf and Sons, Inc. $9.95.



One of the many guises record storage comes in is an Early American birch cabinet, *above*, that could stand in an entrance hall or beneath a not-too-low window. A pair might flank a fireplace. Doors are painted black with floral decoration. Interior is divided for records, cabinet measures 33 inches wide by 16 inches deep by 29 inches high. Temple-Stuart, $89.99.



For an orderly collection, you can thread your record albums on the two metal rods that comprise a compact open storage unit. The whole kit and caboodle may then be stashed in a cabinet or set out on a shelf. Self-adhesive tabs are numbered so you can organize an easy system of identification. Disc Jockey, $12.95, including punch for making the holes in record jackets.



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Sweden the native white spirit, aquavit (or in Danish, akvavit), is a sort of gin made with caraway seed in place of juniper. Pungent aquavit is not a good mixer. It is best taken straight, iced and in small doses like vodka, as an accompaniment to such fishy foods as herring and smoked eel. It benefits from the chill embrace of a jacket of ice and is customarily served that way, blanketed in a white napkin.

New World Spirits— Rum, Tequila, Pisco

What gin is to a dry Martini, rum is to the Daiquiri. In essence, this is the sophisticated cocktail version of the old Planter's Punch—spirits, lime juice, sugar and water—but the rum is light, the sugar is cut down and the water is eliminated altogether.

White rum, which comes mainly from the Caribbean islands and South America, is the logical base for the profusion of light and delicious drinks that use the native fruits for their flavoring. The lemon, the orange, the coconut and, above all, the lime are the natural partners of rum.

Bacardi, originally made in Cuba but now distilled in Mexico and Puerto Rico, fits into the white rum category without being exactly white—it has a slight golden tint. Bacardi makes a perfect Daiquiri, as do the light rums from the Virgin Islands.

Mexico's own native contribution to the world of white spirits (again, touched with a gleam of gold) is tequila. Described as a cactus whiskey it sounds rather unpromising, but the maguey is a very superior kind of cactus.

Although tequila is traditionally drunk straight, with a lick of salt and a bite of lemon, its distinctive flavor is definitely an acquired taste. Most people prefer to take it in a Tequila Sour or that peppy version of the Bloody Mary, the Sangrita, or smoothly blended with lime juice and Triple Sec in a Margarita.

In contrast, Pisco, the brandy of Peru (although the stories about it being the drink of the Incas seem to me about as tall as they are wide), is a light and discreet spirit which makes a truly sublime sour.

Mediterranean Spirits— Pastis, Ouzo, Grappa

Strange as it may seem, the way to get the most effect from certain spirits is to drink them half and half with water. Why they should be stronger watered than straight I cannot say, but the principle is always applied by the knowing French in drinking what, on the face of it, is the whitest spirit of all—pastis, the favored tipple of Southern France.

Pastis, as it is now made by Pernod and Ricard, is not the notorious absinthe, the inspiration of poets and painters that drove them to madness and death. Absinthe is now illegal in France. Today the approximate flavor, some of the effect and all the pretty appearance are produced with all the ingredients except the actual *artemisia absinthium* itself. The coloring is chlorophyll, derived from spinach, stinging nettles, lettuce or other innocent leaves, which water precipitates as an opalescent cloud. The flavor is overwhelmingly that of aniseed.

The ouzo of Greece is similar: a grape spirit base with aniseed flavoring and chlorophyll additive. It is said that certain of the cheaper kinds use a sort of gum instead of chlorophyll, but since all Greek ouzo is remarkably cheap, and many men have drunk it freely and lived to tell the tale, this cannot be very important. Certainly on a hot evening a tall glass of very cold ouzo or Pernod and water is very refreshing.

Fruit Spirits— The Alcools Blancs

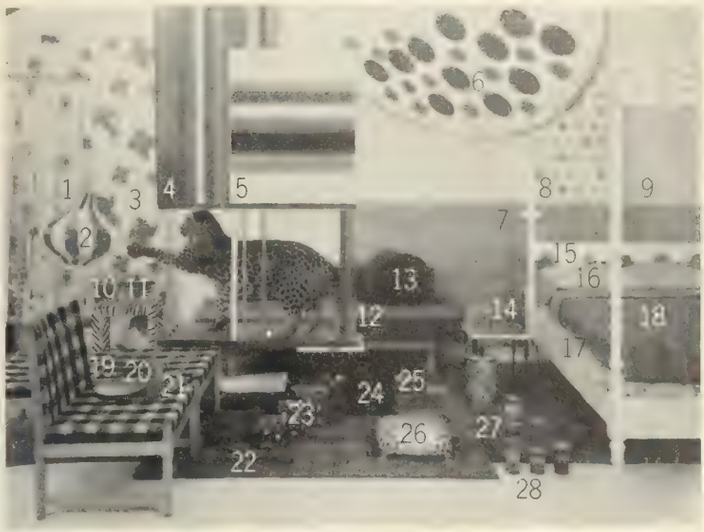
There is one corner of the western world which has put its resources to work with truly remarkable effect. Switzerland, Alsace and the Black Forest in Germany are producers of what are simply called *alcools blancs*, white spirits. Faced with a glut of perfect orchard fruit, not large in size nor lush in appearance but exquisitely scented, the producers have devised a method of distillation that perfectly captures the exact perfume of the fruit at the moment of maturity.

Kirsch is the liquor of cherries, Quetsch of large purple plums, Mirabelle of little yellow ones, Poire William of Williams pears, Fraise of strawberries, Framboise of raspberries and Myrtille of whortleberries. All are clear white, and sold at very high strength to preserve their freshness. Freshness is their great quality and at the same time their secret. The fruit is crushed and fermented the moment it is picked. Distillation follows quickly, and after distillation, the spirit matures for a few months only in crockery or glass vats. Drinking this spirit is uncannily like biting on fresh-picked fruit.

Alcools blancs are for sipping after dinner, like liqueurs, but they should not be confused with liqueurs, which are spirits flavored with the essence of a fruit. These *are* the essence of the fruit.

STRIPES, CHECKS AND POLKA DOTS FOR EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE

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For all their basic classicism, checks, stripes and polka dots, once toted through your front door, are versatile performers. Here is a representative group, hard at work: **1** "Lancer" cotton shower curtain, a medley of polka dots and bees printed on yellow, orange and white stripes. Tiger Things. $11.50. **2** Pendant lighting fixture of hand-blown glass in red and white stripes, 18 inches high. Venini.* **3** "Pinwheel" wallpaper, black and white ticking pattern overprinted with red, green and fuchsia pinwheels—polka dots with wings. Pageant.* **4** Heavy, boldly striped cotton duck for anything from upholstery to awnings. 30 inches wide, sunfast finish. John Boyle. $3.50 a yard. **5** Painting by Lawrence Calcagno, oil on canvas, 36 by 30 inches. Osborne Gallery, 965A Madison Ave., New York. N. Y. 10021. $900. **6** Tilting sunshade, 9 feet across, can be suspended from a hook or supported by 1-inch pipe uprights. Jensen-Lewis, 156 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10011. Without uprights, $79, with uprights, $103. **7** "Salute" wallpaper, sharp orange, khaki, and green stripes on H&G's Curry. Good vertically or, horizontally, as a dado. Karl Mann.* **8** "Orbs" wallpaper, whopping big polka dots in yellow and green on white. Renverne.* **9** "Penny Candy" wallpaper, magenta and black polka dots printed in stripes on white—a pleasant bit of nostalgia. Pageant.* **10** Furry little table, 18 inches high, covered in zebra-printed calfskin. Karl Springer, 239 East 53rd Street, New York. N. Y. 10022. $175. **11** Six-quart covered saucepot in red-and-white checked enamelware. From the United States Stamping Company. $8.95. **12** Sofa-chaise, about 75 inches long, with foam-rubber mattress and pillows, metal frame. One end can be raised to form a back rest. Van Keppel-Green, Div. of Brown-Jordan. $375 in muslin. "Nugget" hound's-tooth upholstery fabric. Jofa.* **13** Floor or sofa cushions covered in shadow-striped stretch fabric. Unika-Vaev. $13 each. **14** Chairside zebra-striped table, tumblers and brass-lidded ice bucket. Rigaud. Table, $15, tumblers, set of 6, $9, bucket, $19.50. **15** Four-poster canopy bed of pecan available in nut brown or dark brown finish. From "Tierra" collection by Kent-Coffey. $199.50 with canopy frame. **16** and **17** "Starchecks" percale sheets and pillowcases—hound's-tooth checks with solid-color borders—and "Carnival" polka-dotted sheets made into dust ruffle and bed canopy. Springs Mills. Double sheet, $4.99, pillowcase, $1.35. **18** "Desert Song" blanket striped in soft earthy colors and permanently moth-proofed. Fieldcrest Mills. Double size, $27.50. **19** Danish chair and ottomans in natural beech. Fritz Hansen.* Covered with "Brittany Plaid." Eaglesham Prints.* **20** "Black Daisy" hand-painted earthenware, black and yellow on white. Harriet Eisenberg, 8 Valley Street, So. Orange, N. J. 07079. Dinner plate, $4, coffee cup and saucer, $3.50, five-piece place setting, $11.95. **21** Black-and-white gingham-pattern fiber-glass tray, 17-inch diameter. Also in red or yellow. Greenberg's, 53 West Palisades Avenue, Englewood, N. J. 07631. $6. **22** "Fiesta" polka-dot wool rug, 4 feet, 6 inches by 6 feet, with H&G's Cyclamen, Tangerine and Tiger Lily dots on Antique Gold. Bigelow Custom Carpets. Made to order, $230. **23** Red-and-white polka-dot square canisters of fabric laminated to metal. Also available in six other colors. Pearl Grant, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, N. Y. 12203. Set of 3, $20.75. **24** Roman stripe cordless clock in walnut and amber-colored wood, 12 inches square. Runs a year on "D" type flashlight battery, two years on mercury battery. B. Altman & Co., New York, N. Y. 10016. $33. **25** Vinyl floor tiles in H&G's Red Apple with Lemon Peel insets. Also available (to order) in any H&G Colors. Amtico. **26** Leopard-printed calfskin footstool with brass feet, 14 inches square. Karl Springer. $85. **27** "Checkerboard" rug of Caprolan, 4 by 6 feet, machine washable, in H&G's Red Apple and Cyclamen. Regal. $79.95. **28** Horizontally striped pillar candles in a whirl of wonderful colors. B. Altman & Co. 15-inch, $9, 10-inch, $7, 6-inch, $5.

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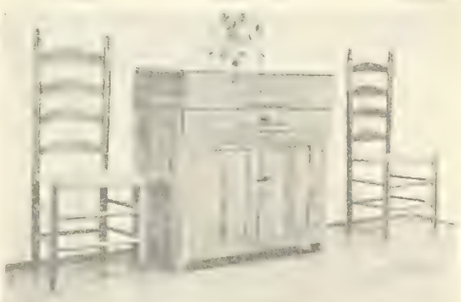


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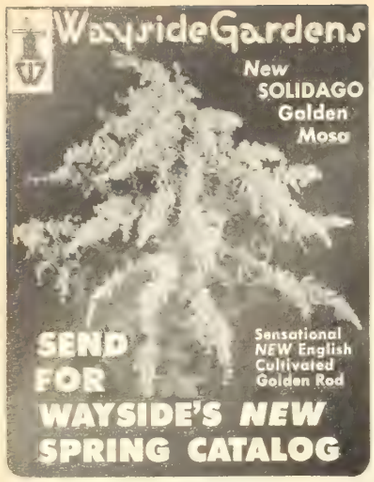
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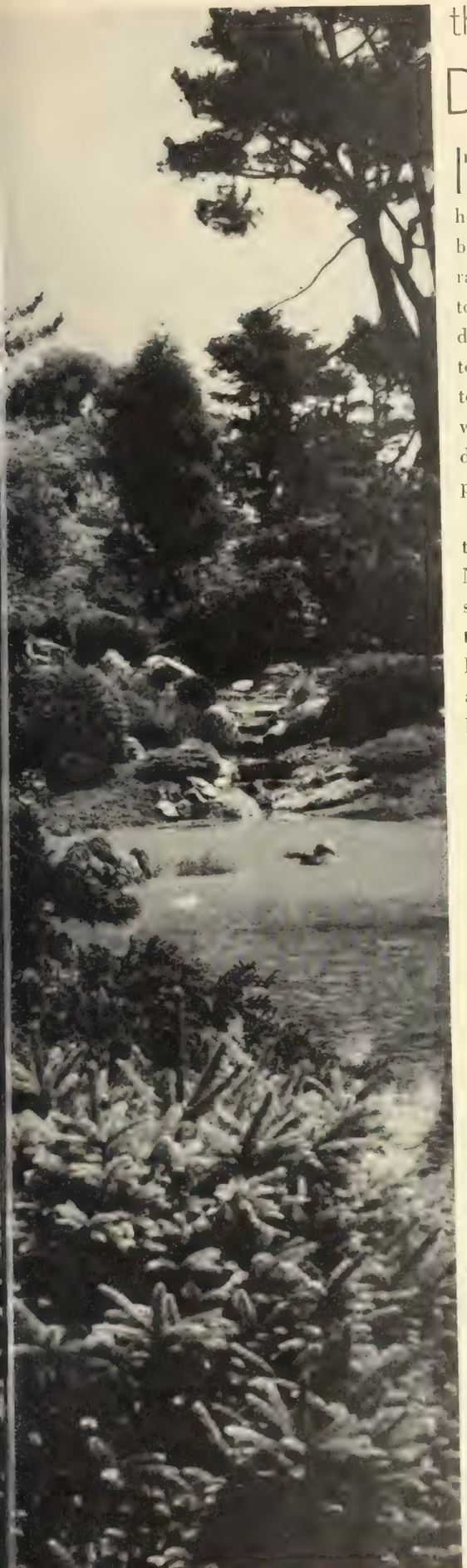
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The James Noble Conifer Collection, as it is officially designated, is one of the gems of San Francisco's Strybing

MONTH In San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum: one of the great collections of DWARF CONIFERS



Arboretum. In a rocky setting, it comprises almost 400 naturally dwarf trees, some compact, some spreading, all small.

In this age of miniaturization, the true and natural miniatures, of whatever sort, have a tough row to hoe. Dwarf trees, in the face of the popularity of bonsais, are no exception. For whatever reason, natural dwarfing of conventional genera and species seems to occur especially among evergreens and—within that division—among the coniferous ones. Here you tend to find more mutations or natural variants, as opposed to naturally small but relatively common species. But whatever their origin or their rarity, such collections of dwarf conifers as exist are invariably the result of personal dedication and ferret-like persistence.

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The Noble garden at San Francisco is just coming into its own and looking as though it really belonged there (give the Gotelli plantings two or three more years to get settled). And it *(Continued on next page)*



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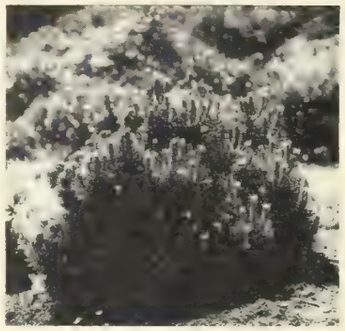
The major difference between dwarf conifers and dwarf evergreens in general seems to be that for some reason the first category includes more mutations, often very difficult to propagate, than the broadleaf or non-cone-bearing species, which are often quite widely distributed in their habitats and which can be reproduced more readily than the conifers either by rooting from cuttings or by seed. But this difference is unimportant except perhaps to the collector, who pursues the specimens to their source. And of course there are some genera—and species within genera—that produce more dwarf variants than others. In the Noble Collection there are more than fifty forms of *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* and *C. obtusa* the familiar Hinoki-cypress. Some of these, no larger than a softball, are as much as forty years old. The interest, if



Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Filicoides,' a form of Hinoki-cypress, whose varietal name means thread-like.

not the beauty, of the collection lies in the enormous variation of foliage color, from almost pure silver to golden yellow, through all the bronze, purple and tawny shades, to plain and simple green. And while many of the plants will never grow more than a foot high, the same one may often spread to a diameter of 6 or 8 feet.

Most of the dwarf conifers in the Strybing rock garden are basically classed as hardy, although the climate of the Golden Gate Park, in spite of being windy, seldom reaches either the high or low extremes of the Northeastern temperate zones. In regions of severe winters, however, some protection would be advisable, even if not absolutely necessary, in order to keep the foliage healthy. As for pests and diseases, those the San Francisco climate induces because of the necessity for overhead watering, and because of daily fogs and mild winters, may be inhibited in colder regions by lower winter temperatures and less need for constant watering.



Pinus densiflora 'Umbraculifera,' about a foot high and as much wide.

In any case, for gardeners who succumb to the charms of miniature evergreens, the problems of caring for them are no greater than with full-size plants.

Of such plants as you will find at San Francisco, or in the National Arboretum in Washington, or in similar collections, only a relatively small number are commercially available through ordinary channels. A few specialists list species and varieties that can readily be propagated. The rest you find only by unrelenting search—by prowling the timber lines of mountain slopes, by haunting nurseries in search of sports and mavericks, by heckling friends and acquaintances into parting with spare specimens—either through old-fashioned swapping or plain wheedling—and by sowing seed that offers at least the chance of carrying known characteristics. In no case are root pruning or the use of secateurs of any use. Almost any plant can be trained or inhibited, but only nature can make or perpetuate a true dwarf. The accompanying close-ups are but a suggestion of the many treasures that lie at the end of one collector's rainbow.



Cryptomeria japonica 'Spiralis,' a compact plant with silky needles.



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Notes for March Gardeners

This is still largely a planning time, with but a tentative step or two into the garden



First weekend

Airy alliums. Allium is the generic name and, for once, is not a bit harder to pronounce than the common name for the group, which is onion. Leaving aside the common kitchen onion and the invaluable leafy chives, there are half-a-dozen related garden bulbs, mostly less odoriferous and generally with more attractive flowers, that are all too seldom grown simply because they are onions. Of the species that are most generally available in American catalogues, *A. moly* is probably the best known. For unusual foliage (two great beaver-tail leaves that lie out on the ground before the flower buds appear) *A. karataviense* is hard to beat as a dramatic accent beside an April path, although its puff-gall blossoms are modest indeed. Among the best of the spring blues, at least for clarity of color, are *A. caeruleum,* which has a tight rounded flower head, and the dainty *A. cyaneum,* the latter a rock-garden gem with rush-like foliage and small airy sunbursts of cupped florets. Perhaps the most spectacular in flower is *A. albopilosum,* with enormous (6–8 inch) balls of violet blue atop 2-foot stems. One of the earliest, and also one best known to rock gardeners where winters are relatively mild, is *A. neapolitanum,* with loose flower heads of white starry florets. And even in north temperate regions, this species makes a pleasant pot plant.

Since most of the alliums are more or less conventional bulbs, they may be imported without great trouble provided your own dealers don't carry more than one or two. And at least one good way to use them is as punctuation marks among drifts of late daffodils and tulips, with which most of the generally available kinds come into flower. As single bulbs scattered about, almost all the alliums would be hopelessly lost. But in modest groups they make a fine and varied show. Try a few, then seek out a book such as Patrick Synge's "Complete Guide to Bulbs" and branch out.



Second weekend

Year-round greens. Too often the seasonal return to the open garden in spring means the abandonment of the plant windows that served you well all winter. Many of the best winter window plants will be in need of an outdoor rest period before long, leaving empty spaces behind. Ferns can be wonderfully effective space-fillers, as well as satisfying year-round plants in their own right, when the floral emphasis shifts into the open. In addition to the tree ferns (which, when grown in pots and tubs, restrain their growth very well) and the familiar Boston ferns (of which there is a score of so-called varieties that will stay small in a small pot or balloon up and out in a big one), there is a considerable number—available to the avid seeker—that will grace a window, winter and summer.

Members of the adiantum, asplenium, cyrtomium, dryopteris, nephrolepis, pellaea, pityrogramma and polypodium genera are likely to be your best bets. Most florist shops carry only a few species. But many are available if you go to a commercial florist greenhouse and get them to scout for you. All the common names (maidenhair, Christmas, bird's-nest, Boston, rabbit's foot) are included among the familiar ones. Some may require daily syringing to stay vigorous. Others can be neglected and still survive. While several are native and hardy outdoors, you will probably do better to buy pots than try to bring them in from the wild.

Some of all of the ferns you are likely to find available in small pots will tend to grow quite large. If that is the case, transfer them to hanging baskets or to tubs. Or charge them off to a season's enjoyment and throw them out.



Third weekend

Soupçon of scent. A few carefully placed oases of particularly aromatic flowers will usually be more pleasing than whole beds of scented species. It has long been our contention that too much fragrance palls, and that when too many different fragrances compete, all lose effectiveness. While it takes a tuberose at the very least to smell down, if that is the phrase, a gardenful of aroma, one distant spicebush (clethra) can perfume a whole woodland. Without becoming heavily philosophical about it, we feel that a faint teasing fragrance here and there (not everywhere) in the garden is pleasanter and better appreciated than an overdose of floral sweetness. It can also be more surprising—as for instance when a single day-lily such as 'Symphony' is encountered in a planting of unscented varieties, or when, in September, you pass by an *Eleagnus pungens* in a shrub border whose season you might assume to be all but finished.

The list of scented flowers is too enormous to run through. But a few, rare or common, have proved themselves. If you spot small groups of the following baker's dozen strategically throughout the garden, one or another of them will put fragrance on the wind from early spring to late autumn, roughly in that order. 1. Dutch hyacinth, among any spring bulbs. 2. *Viburnum fragrans* in front of larger shrubs. 3. Solomon's-seal in woodland. 4. Lily-of-the-valley in the wild garden. 5. *Iris graminea,* for the rock garden. 6. *Corylopsis pauciflora* with sheltering wall for background. 7. *Akebia quinata* along a stone wall or fence. 8. *Daphne cneorum* to edge a border. 9. *Fothergilla major* in shrubbery. 10. *Hesperis matronalis* in the back-border. 11. *Linnaea borealis,* in the night garden. 12. *Nicotiana affinis,* late day or night location. 13. *Clethra alnifolia,* anywhere in the summer garden.



Fourth weekend

Lawn patchwork. There are four kinds of lawn repair that may (indeed often must) be done in the early spring as opposed to early autumn. 1. Re-seeding of bare spots. 2. Spotting and eradication of diseased areas. 3. Spotting of weeds and eradication of those that can be eliminated now. 4. Application of food and, occasionally, water. Aside from these, all of them emergency palliatives only remotely connected with lawn building, there is little except mowing and sweeping we can recommend for spring attention. But as for the four:

1. When re-seeding bare spots, loosen soil *thoroughly* with long or short fork; break up large lumps with iron rake; sow good grass seed; tamp back with rake, but do not roll.

2. Spotting and eradicating of diseased areas may call for the application of a lawn fungicide. If in doubt as to what you are to cure, apply one or more of the available lawn-care products and leave the rest to time.

3. Weed-spotting may involve chickweed, now flowering and scarcely worth struggling to cure (except by pulling); crabgrass, which you cannot see, but can remember from last year and nip in the seed with a pre-emergence chemical (now, at the latest); dandelion and buckthorn, which can be killed chemically in midsummer.

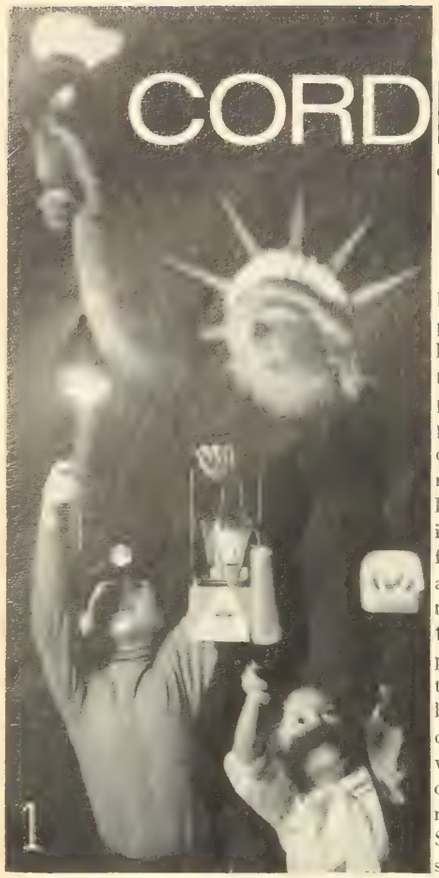
4. Fertilizing means just what the word implies—applying a slow-release lawn food (not cheap in first cost, but the best) according to maker's directions.

Or you can simply let nature take its course, to your probable amazement. The recuperative powers of a well-made lawn are astounding. A poorly made one may have to be *re*-made in late August.

Book note. Mrs. Peggie Schulz's "All About Geraniums" (Doubleday, $4.95) is, for the amateur, the most useful book on the subject (mostly pelargoniums) now available. Practical, straightforward, well-organized, it also offers the best route map through the classification and nomenclature jungle yet attempted by any one short of the illegible taxonomists.

CORDLESS

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Most of the rechargeable appliances come equipped with batteries and explicit instructions for recharging them by plugging them, for a specified period of time, into a standard outlet. Appliances which cannot be recharged are commonly sold without batteries, and it is important always to buy fresh new batteries of the exact type that is specified by the manufacturer.

1 Flashlights now pack enough power to perform man-size tasks. A small light, which can be worn on a headband, has a dial for focal intensity, comes with a Power Loader for recharging. Electromotive Dynamics, $11.75 at Hammacher Schlemmer. The young man sporting the Cyclops headlight





holds a searchlight with broad, bright beam and a stalwart camp lantern that serves as search, floor or red-flashing warning light. Both are Union Carbide, $5.95, without battery, and $13.50, with battery, respectively. Little sister totes her own lights—a wand to emit a glowing signal or long-range beam and a lightweight multipurpose lantern. Union Carbide, $3.95 and $3.79 each without batteries.

2 Round clock that operates independently of electrical outlets has a single flashlight battery which powers it for up to one year. Charcoal metal case is 9 inches in diameter; dial is silver. Westclox, $10.95.

3 A compact electronic fire alarm hangs on the wall to sound a continuous warning signal when room temperature reaches 130 degrees. Rechargeable batteries ensure its power even when household electric



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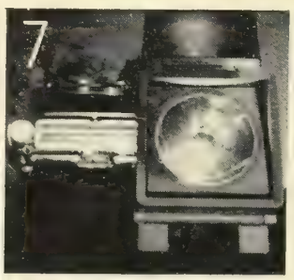
Some cordless electrical products partially replace human labor. Battery-powered, motor-driven helpmates, such as the mixer, clipper, toothbrush or exerciser, do the job more efficiently and certainly with less effort than mere man. Other products, freed from their cords—such as a cordless TV, record player, roadside warning light or fire alarm—have broadened their usefulness because now, as never before, they are mobile.

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5 Cordless wonders even make possible shaving with one hand and lighting a cigarette with the other. Rechargeable shaver has a Powerlite which indicates when it needs recharging and a stainless steel shaving head which adjusts to any skin or beard type. Schick Electric, about $30. Rechargeable lighter has self-contained retractable prongs for recharging. Useful as either a table or pocket lighter, it will light three packs of cigarettes on a





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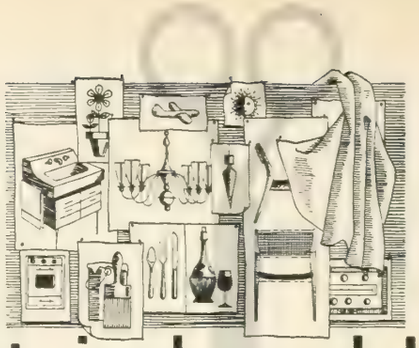




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vians. The most astonishing sculpture, however, stands right in the Market Place. It is Kai Nielsen's famous "Ymerbrond," an agitated composition of man and bull curled around each other. I've looked at it many, many times, but I've never found out what is really going on.

The wealth of privately owned castles and manor houses on Fünen is staggering, and so is the diversity of their architecture. Many can be seen from the roads, and some of the chapels and houses and a good number of the parks are open to the public. One of my favorites is Valdemar Slot on Taasinge Island, which started out around 1639 with high gables, stepped towers and sandstone ornamentation. Like the majority of Danish castles, it was rebuilt in the eighteenth century as a most elegant three-winged, two-story slate-roofed brick building resembling a town house. The castle is flanked by two rows of low yellow buildings, the center of the rectangle is a garden, and the fourth side is a ravishing eighteenth-century pavilion that faces the sea, a pleasance if there ever was one. Valdemar Slot, which reminds one of France with its harmoniously planned buildings, is still in the hands of the family who built it.

Faaborg has one of the best craft and antique shops in Denmark, owned by Robert Henriksen, and I did most of my Christmas shopping there. I bought kluk-flasks for akvavit (the Baroque bottles that say kluk-kluk as you pour), tall akvavit glasses with twisted stems, handmade horn salad sets, fat round teak salt cellars and amusing bathmats in the shape of fish, all remarkably inexpensive. The choice of ceramics and table mats is outstanding, and there are also some good old dishes from which I selected a big round Canton platter.

Frescoes and Flowers

Practically all Danish castles and manor houses are still closely connected with the land as parts of working farms, run by hard-working and progressive gentlemen farmers, or by their womenfolk, who keep an eye on the place when they are away on other business. At Hesselagergaard, home of the Blixen family (kin of the late Isac Dinesen, the Baroness Blixen), the Dowager Baroness who showed us around was sighing for her son's return from Africa. Hesselagergaard is a unique, small and tall fortified manor which has hardly changed since it was built in 1550. Surviving frescoes show painted stags sprouting real antlers, an extraordinary collage effect. Each floor has a few rooms only. One, a round tower chamber, used to be our guide's thinking room when she was mistress of the castle.

Another of my favorites is Egeskov, the essence of ornamental castledom sitting on oak beams in its own lake. The enterprising and energetic Countess Ahlefeldt-Laurvig-Bille has put in new gardens to attract more tourists, so there are now authentic Renaissance, Baroque and Italian gardens in addition to the famous flower gardens with their thousands of tulips and roses. The Countess was also very proud of the blue-and-white cafeteria she maintains for tourists in the made-over stables where the names of the former incumbents are still written over their stalls.

Among the greatest of the Fünen seats, half manor, half castle, is Brahetrolleborg. The large, formal church, once a monastery, is the place's distinctive feature. It forms the fourth wing of a palace ornate with octagonal towers and gables and imposing sandstone carvings on entrances and walls. Glorup, another old house rebuilt in the Baroque manner that so appealed to the seventeenth-century Danish nobles, has one of the most beautiful parks of all the many beautiful Danish parks. Gazing at the long, poetic avenues of limes and reflective ponds, one would like to be eighteen and in love there.

"*Pour la bonne bouche*" of castle buffs, I'd like to mention one more, Vallø, this time on Zealand rather than Fünen, some 31 miles south of Copenhagen. For over 200 years, this Renaissance double-towered building, set in a superlative park and gardens full of rare trees and blooms, has been the home of elderly unmarried daughters of the Danish nobility, whose parents had the foresight to pay into a fund that would support them. Eleven of these ladies live in their own splendid apartments under the patronage of the Queen of Denmark. But, as the Baroness Moltke, who runs the place under the title of Diakonesse, told me over tea in her round tower room, their problems are the same as those of many American housewives: they can't get enough servants to keep the place up properly. It is this survival of a royal and ancient past within the framework of a twentieth-century social structure that I find one of the chief fascinations of Denmark.

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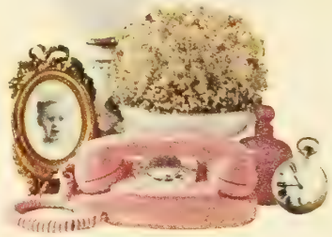
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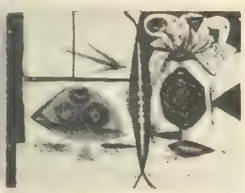
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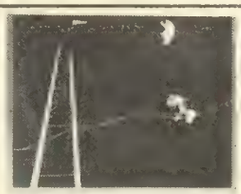
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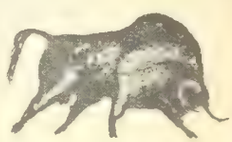


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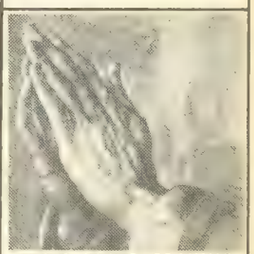
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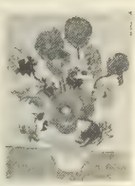
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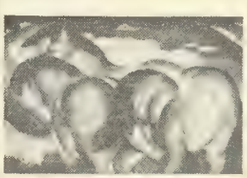
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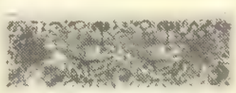
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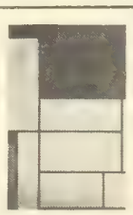
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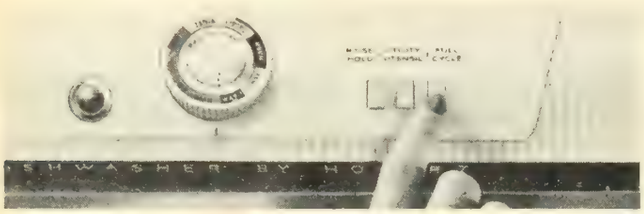
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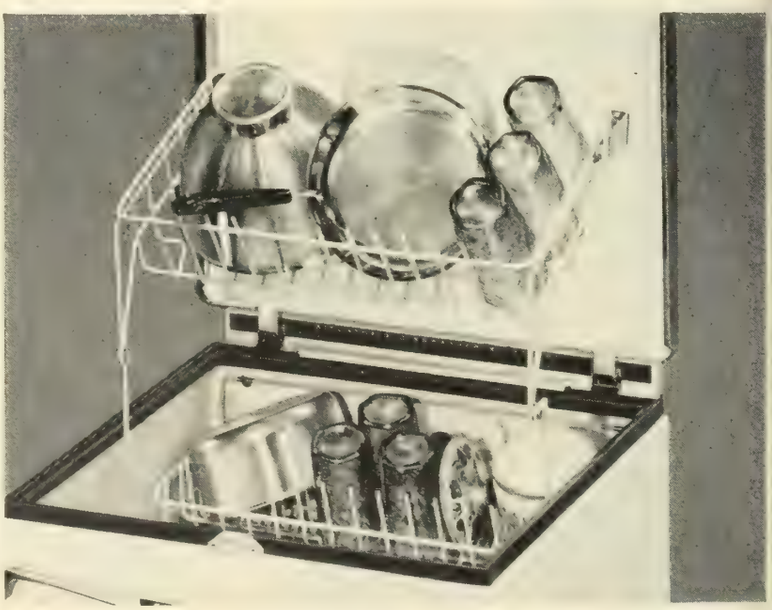


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EARLY CAST-IRON STOVE

Can you tell me anything about this old stove? In the casting it says G. Geer, Troy, N. Y., Pat. May 1847. Yet I find no record of patent granted. *J. D. H.—Franklin, N. H.*

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QUEEN ANNE LOWBOY

We inherited this lowboy from my aunt and believe it to be quite old. Can you verify this? *R. E.—Bronx, N. Y.*

Your lowboy, with shell-carved central drawer and cabriole legs terminating in pad feet, is American of the Queen Anne period. It is apparently of museum quality, and I would date it about 1740–1760.



COINAGE SILVER SPOON

The sketched dessert spoon is made of a very soft metal with the name C. Bard & Son on the back. I saw one recently in a Jacksonville, Ore., museum. What can you tell me about it? *B. V. P.—Grants Pass, Ore.*

Your teaspoon is American coinage silver, made by Bard of Philadelphia probably about 1850.

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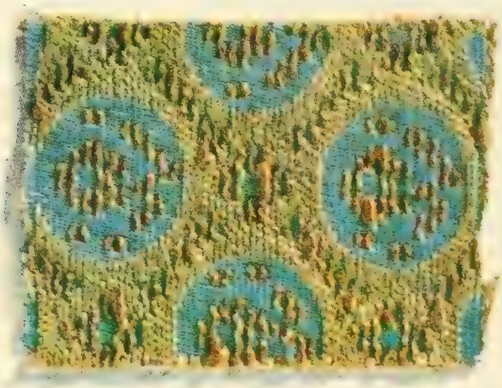
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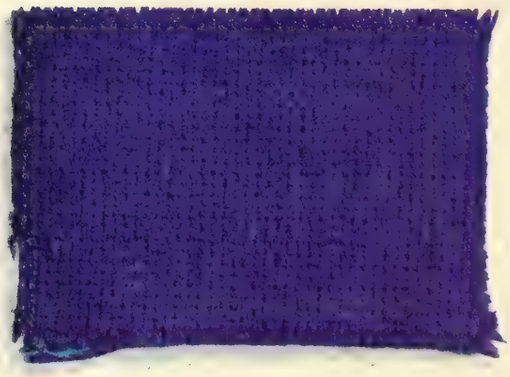
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The mark on my china has a small tiger-like animal with the words Etruscan Vases and J & J Mayer. Could you give me more information? *M. P.—Chelmsford, Mass.*

The china is English transfer-decorated earthenware from the pottery of J & J Mayer, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, made around 1835–1845. Etruscan Vases was the pattern name.



TRANSITION SIDE CHAIR

Can you enlighten me as to the age and origin of this chair, which appears to be hand-carved? It has been ours for years, but I believe it is of European origin.
W. H. B.—Montclair, N. J.

The lyre-shaped back splat indicates your side chair is English—a transition piece from Hepplewhite to the Sheraton period. It would date shortly after 1800.



ENGLISH REGISTRY MARK

I enclose a sketch of the mark on a small unglazed pitcher which I am not able to identify. Can you? F. H. F.—Warrenton, Va.

We cannot identify the maker as there is no pottery mark. But this patent office device shows the design for your pitcher was registered in London on May 7, 1848.



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Could you tell me the age and use of this old pot, silver colored with a wooden handle? On the bottom is the mark of James Dixon & Sons. *F. G. M.—Alexandria, Va.*

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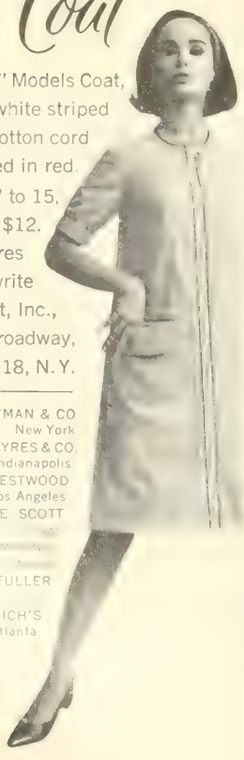
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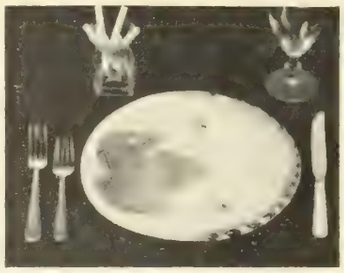
BY DIANA BRYAN

Over the years I have become fairly adept at what we call spontaneous cooking. More succinctly, we mean being able to provide an excellent meal for almost any number of people without much previous warning. One of my secrets is to keep the freezer well stocked with such good things as cooked turkey meat, for example, which I freeze in a small amount of stock to prevent its drying out. The practical way to provide this is to stew cut-up small turkeys. The meat tends to be less dry than that of the roasted bird, and you end up with stock which can also be frozen and used as a base for sauce. I also like to have on hand containers of beef stew, frozen in manageable amounts to be used as needed. And I frequently lay by a few containers of more-meat-than-sauce spaghetti sauce. With noodles or rice and whatever else is handy, I can always put on a reputable buffet with that.

I find it advisable also to keep a selection of those new frozen loaves of bread dough now available in supermarkets. If you sprinkle the tops with dehydrated onion flakes before you bake them, you get excellent bread that will help dress up any meal. Another salvation for my mass-produced minute meals are tinned cheeses such as Camembert and Edam, which keep indefinitely. And I have a hidden supply of rare relishes and pickles, which add fillip to the most pedestrian foods. We are never without frozen pies, preferably homemade, and cake layers either. Come one, come all—there's no real problem.

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When fresh asparagus is in season, I could eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and right now I can hardly wait just thinking about it. I feel this great delicacy should be served with style, and so I was delighted when I came across some French asparagus



plates at Plummer McCutcheon, New York. (Trust the French to know how to treat asparagus with the proper respect by designing these charming plates just for it.) They are appropriate for serving the vegetable hot or cold, with or without sauce. I personally feel asparagus vinaigrette or Hollandaise, beautifully served, is about as fine a party first course as you can have.

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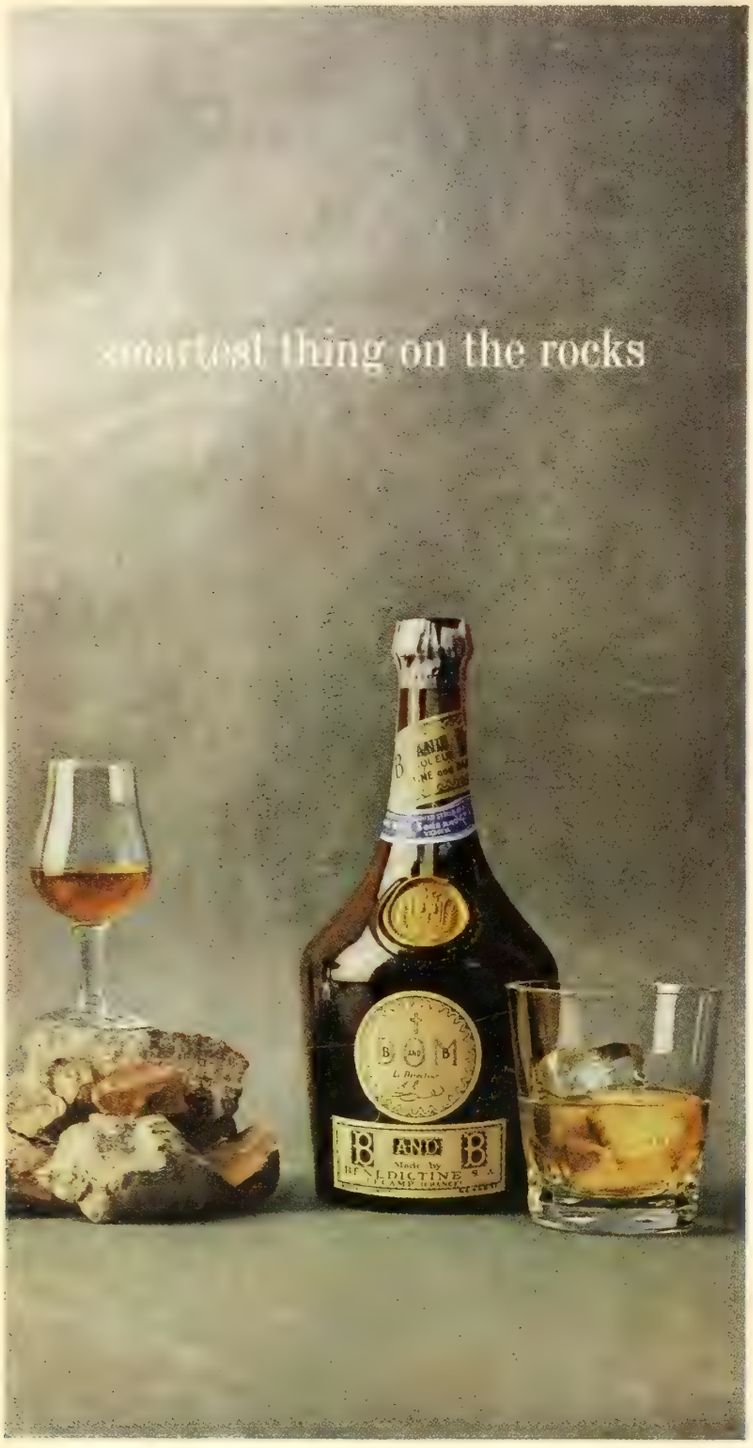
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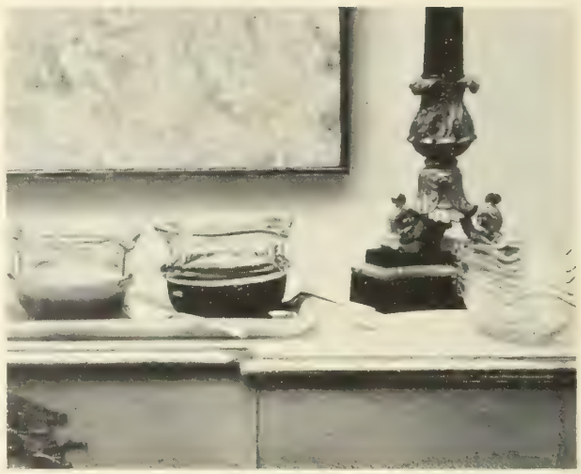
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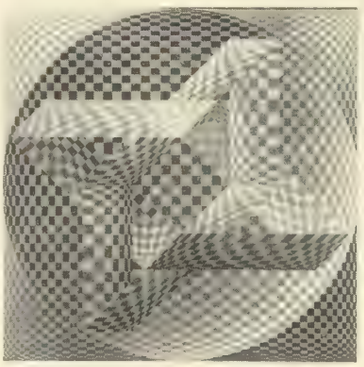
APRIL IN PARIS—when the chestnut trees are blooming—is a time for touring the French capital on foot. (For that matter, so is most any season.) Fortunate persons en route there, now or later, will find "Paris à Pied" a helpful guide. The compact, fold-out brochure, complete with a street map, outlines seven suggested walking tours—including one of Ile St. Louis where the lovely seventeenth-century houses are. Available free from Air France, Dept. DX, 683 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

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metal and plastic, as in the acrylic painting, "Equivocation" by Cunningham, *above*. On view in New York through April 25, The Responsive Eye will travel to St. Louis, Seattle, Pasadena and Baltimore. The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10019.

SLEUTHS SUPERLATIVE comprise a new organization that claims it can track down for you or arrange for you anything your heart desires, no matter how unlikely. Called "Impossibles, Ltd.," with offices in London and New York, this firm will locate for you an antique suit of armor, a real English butler, a Chinese junk or tickets to the biggest hit show in West End. A membership fee of $5 a year entitles you or your company to request the services of the firm. One member, an esoteric collector, recently has asked for "wanted" posters of the top-drawer criminals of the Nineteen Thirties. Not long ago, a company requested—and got—tickets to a large sporting event, plus transportation and champagne picnic, for certain representatives of an oil firm. For further information, write to: Impossibles, Ltd., 200 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y. 10019.

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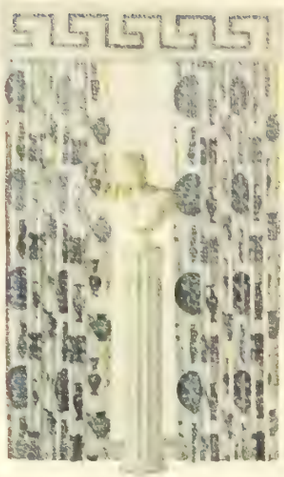




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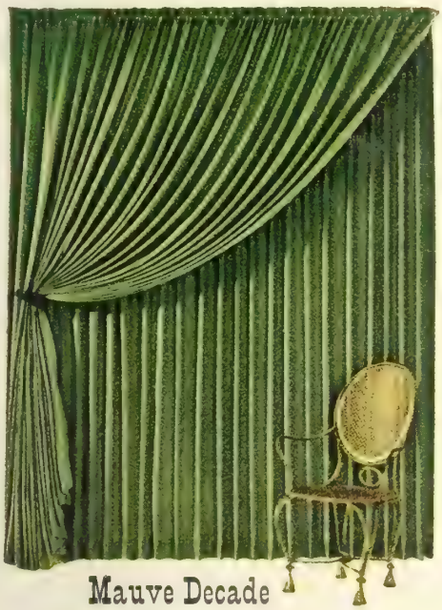
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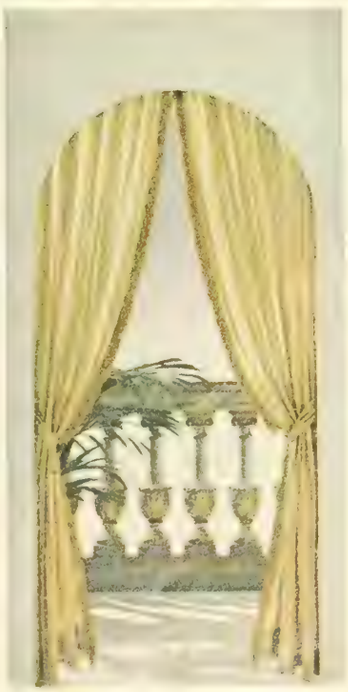
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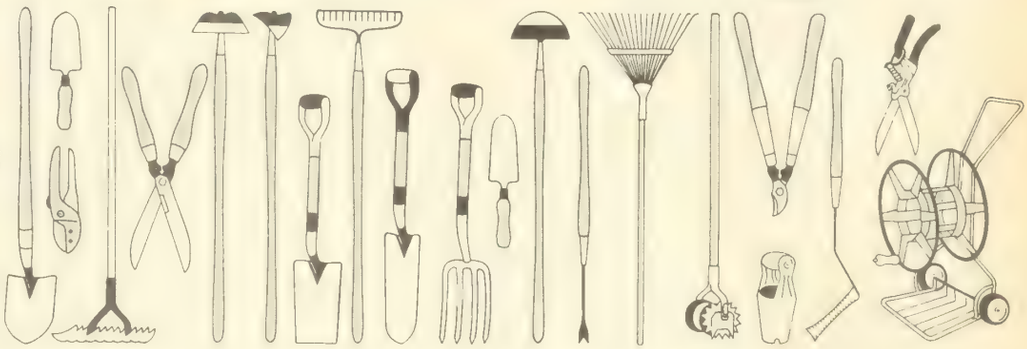


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Scratch the surface

Silver can be easily scratched, of course, and that, the experts will tell you, is all to the good. For it is the myriad tiny scratches, breaking and reflecting light, which give silver a warmth, color, character, patina—call it what you will—that is admirable. This mellow beauty develops only with use, so you should not overprotect your most precious silver heirlooms, nor try to keep your new silver shiny and unscratched (if you do, it is likely to be as uninteresting to look at as an expressionless face, no matter how lovely the features).

So, use your sterling forks, spoons and other flatware daily, rotating all your place settings to give them equal use. Use your silver vegetable bowls, platters, soup tureens—whatever serving dishes you have—for family meals as well as formal dinners. You enhance your silver and your home at the same time—and make your treasured pieces more memorable heirlooms for your children.

Putting your silver to good use does not mean you will have to do more frequent battle with tarnish. Quite the reverse, because daily washing and drying prevents tarnish from accumulating. And build up it will on unused silver, because tarnish is a deposit of sulphide and much of the sulphur from which it comes is present in air. No matter how much you swathe and shelter your silver, you can never keep out *all* the air.

Certain foods will tarnish or otherwise harm silver. Mustard, eggs and mayonnaise, for example, contain sulphur. Salt has a corrosive action. So, immediately after you use your silver, rinse off all food particles. (Never soak silver, however, because that dulls the finish and may loosen the stuff with which some knife blades and handles were put together.)

If you have a garbage disposer in your sink, keep a firm grip on small pieces when you rinse them. All too often, silver experts are asked to fix a hopelessly mangled butter knife or whatever that has slipped into the works.

Whether a dishwasher is a friend of sterling flatware is debatable. Many silver experts maintain that the machine action bounces and scratches silver unmercifully (it is only *tiny* scratches that you want). They maintain that machine-washed silver loses its color and that long exposure to detergents and dampness pits knife blades. But others say you can minimize some of these risks if you load your machine carefully, leave out the knives and do not soak silver pieces nor let them sit for hours in a soiled state while you are waiting to wash. Also, if you do use a dishwasher, remove your silver as soon as the drying process has stopped; never let it sit there in the damp atmosphere. Let it come to room temperature and then store promptly.

If you decide on hand-washing methods for your flatware and your hollow ware, do not wear rubber gloves for the chore—contact with rubber causes tarnish. Use only a mild soap or liquid detergent, then rinse, and spread the pieces on a turkish towel. Be sure to dry each piece promptly, separately and thoroughly, because even a small trace of moisture picks up sulphur from the air.

The case for silver

Store silver when it is dry and cool in a specially treated cloth bag or roll or a lined drawer, chest, cabinet or similar storage aid designed to safeguard silver from damp air and injurious scrapes. Whatever shape or form these ready-made storage devices take, most of them rely on or consist wholly of soft cloth treated to intercept sulphur in the air before it reaches your silver. The cloth comes by the yard, too, so you can line a kitchen cabinet with it, making a convenient storage area for serving dishes you use often. You can also get a do-it-yourself kit to convert any drawer up to 17½ by 19½ inches into a fitted unit for as many as 152 pieces of flatware. The Eureka kit is sold in silver departments of stores across the country.

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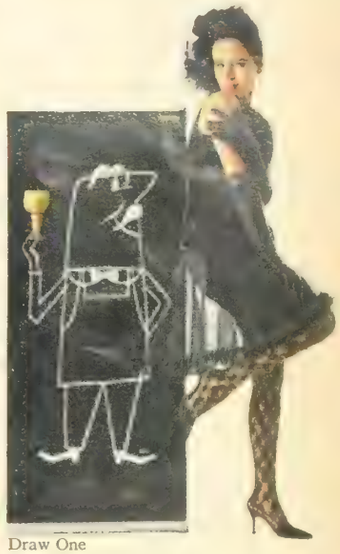
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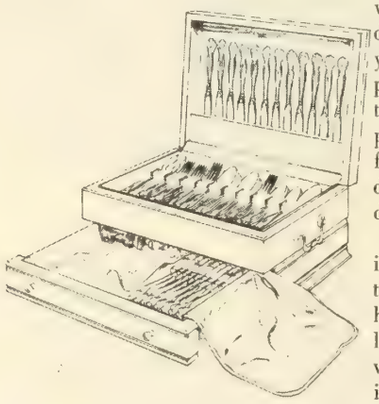
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If you clean and store silver properly, you will prevent a great deal of tarnish from forming. But every cloud has its silver lining and vice versa in the case of silver—eventually you will have to do some polishing.

The butler did it

Fortunately, silver polishing today is a far cry from the daily chore a butler had in bygone days. You will have to polish your silver far less frequently. Just how often depends on many factors, including the location of your home (for example, the soot in city air or the dampness of shore areas adversely affects silver as well as humans).

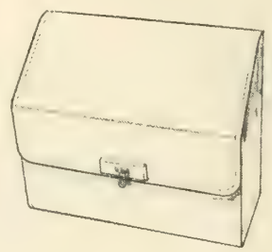
To remove tarnish quickly you may find it tempting to immerse silver in a chemical bath, but silversmiths do not like the way this process dulls the luster and bleaches out dark areas of some designs. They suggest you use the polishes your jeweler recommends. These fall into two groups: the traditional pastes and liquids that clean and polish; and the new tarnish-preventive ones that clean, polish and impart an invisible seal to keep out tarnish-producing agents. Each has its advantages.

A tarnish-preventive polish cuts down your silver-cleaning chores considerably and virtually eliminates last-minute polishing of oyster forks, say, or demitasse spoons before a formal dinner, because the polish can last for months. It must be re-applied after six or seven washings, however, so it is less effective for flatware you wash often than for trophies, candelabras and similar pieces that you dust rather than wash between polishings. You can reinforce the tarnish barrier and push the next polishing job even further into the future if you dust these pieces daily with a tarnish-preventive dust cloth.

Among the traditional polishes, the liquids that do not need to be rinsed off are particularly helpful for polishing weighted hollow ware such as candlesticks and vases which you do not want to immerse in water.

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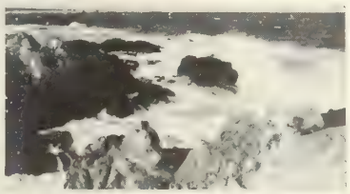
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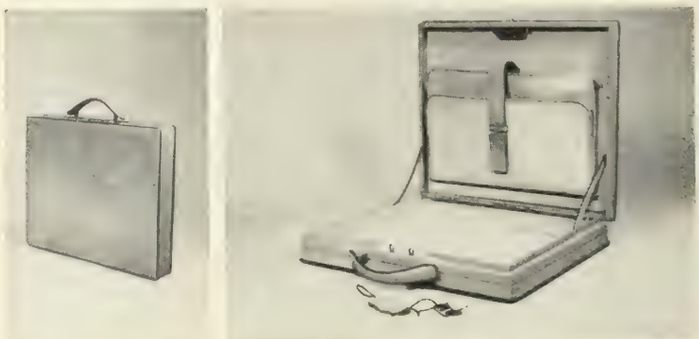


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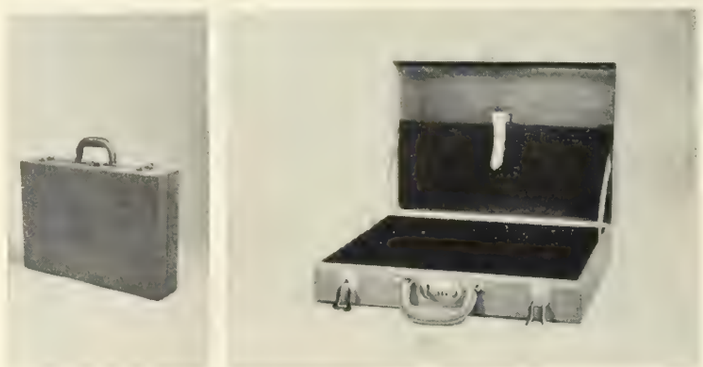
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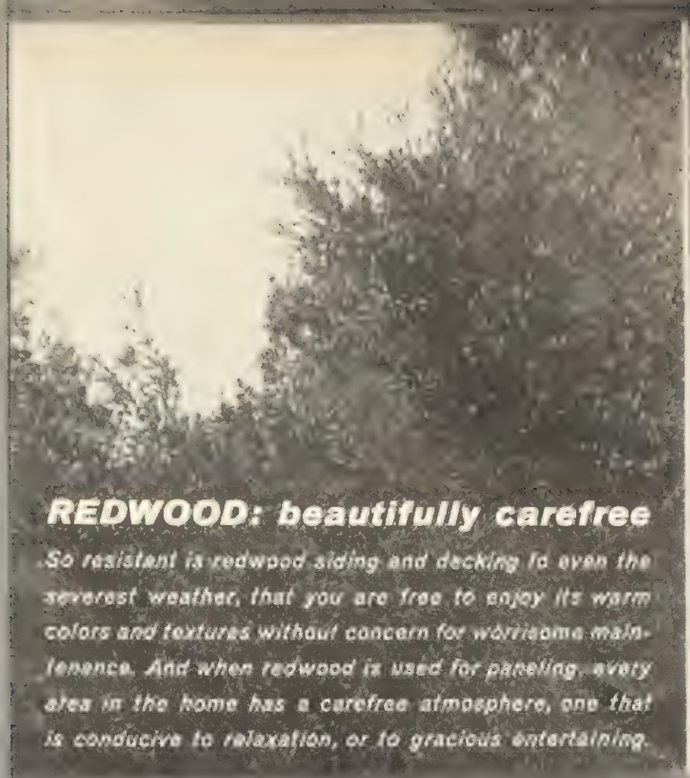


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BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER



DIANA NORMAN

When rainy weather keeps us all indoors for days at a stretch, I use the time to poke into corners and really see things I've become too used to looking at. A good for instance is our antiquated laundry room. I was down there one afternoon doing a little pressing and ran into one frustration after another. Ironing is one job I usually leave in Jenny's capable hands, and I was appalled to discover what she'd been putting up with without complaint. To begin with, the light was poor and I had to stand in my own shadow. The ironing board wobbled, and the iron had to be amended with a long extension cord to reach the one and only electrical outlet. I went right upstairs and called the electrician to come over and install a proper light for the whole area and a convenient outlet for the iron. Then the children helped me remove and dispose of all the dusty, defunct and unrelated items that had piled up in the corners. After that I went shopping.

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First of all I bought odds and ends like a good springy rubber mat to stand on while ironing and a couple of sturdy drying racks to replace the rickety antiques we've been using. I added a nice storage cabinet with a Formica top to be home base for all sorts of supplies like soap powder, bleach, cleaning rags and the laundry list and pencils. Then I tackled the rather basic matter of irons and a board.

After looking over all the irons, steam and dry, I decided to go whole hog and buy two. Now we will always have an extra in the house, and the steam iron won't have to do double duty. I bought a Universal dry iron that just felt right in my hand and was steady and secure when I stood it on end. It has a good range of settings including "wash and wear." After getting it home and into action I found it heats quickly, and the handle is heavily constructed so that it never overheats.

The steam iron I settled on will work as an extra dry iron or as a steam iron. At the touch of a button it will spray ahead of itself when ironing clothes that have stubborn wrinkles or have not been dampened. I have found that it works wonders on all sorts of things—takes the bags from knees of slacks, ski pants, and men's trousers and instantly returns the snap to tired felt hat brims. To do that I just lift the iron while the steam is discharging and gently roll the hat into the steam wherever it is bent or out of shape. Besides its wide range of temperature settings, the Hamilton Beach provides a very handy guide to temperature selection for different kinds of synthetics.

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best interest of any steam iron to fill it with distilled water. And it should always be emptied after use—most steam irons are designed with ample openings for filling and emptying, so that isn't much of a chore. If ever the steam does get sluggish I treat the iron to a thorough cleaning with one of the several good products which are on the market for just that purpose.

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Naturally I wanted an ironing board that would be very steady, well built and completely adjustable. I found a nifty one with wings that move out at the tapered end to square the board into a true ironing table, wonderful for doing flat work. It is called a Rid-Jid



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To go with the ironing board I bought a stick-proof cover and a Mary Proctor Cordminder. Jenny says the latter is the greatest development in laundry equipment since electricity. It clamps firmly to the board at the end where you rest the iron, and you plug its cord into the wall outlet. When you connect your iron to it, you then have the full length of the iron cord to use *on the board*. The 12-inch, flexible spring-mounted holder keeps the cord up and out of the way of the pieces being ironed, also protects the cord from accidental damaging contact with the hot iron. Final touch of efficiency: the Cordminder folds flat against the board for storage and thus can be left in place all the time. Not a new invention, I'm told, but it could scarcely be more welcome in our house.

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When it comes to doing laundry I believe that half the battle is the sorting. With automatic washers and dryers it's simply a matter of getting the right kinds of clothes together for each setting. I think I've almost trained the family to put their clothes for the laundry in one of three places: Woolens and hand washables go into a special hamper; white things, along with towels and household linens go down the laundry chute; and dark and colored clothes go into a big basket in the children's bathroom. With the clothes thus presorted, it's easy to do one kind of washing at a time.

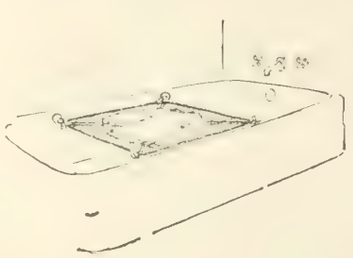
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As a final touch for the reorganized laundry room, I fitted a basket with supplementary supplies: a small can of spot remover (to use on bad grease spots *before* washing), a collection of buttons, name tags for all the children plus needles, thread, scissors and the like. I've found it pays to do a small mending job on the spot along with the ironing.

Another new and helpful little thing I picked up is Kollar Kleen—a handy stick detergent for heavily soiled areas. Kollar Kleen is a clear substance that looks a little like a preparation for chapped lips—comes in a blue plastic push-out stick. Most places like shirt collars come clean with one dry rubbing before washing. More stubborn spots should be rubbed after the fabric is dampened.

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Washing sweaters has never been much of a problem but drying them can be—there just isn't enough available, out-of-the-way flat space to spread out a slow-drying sweater on its towel. So I was overjoyed to find a thing called the Launda Lady Quick Dryer—a generous rectangle of



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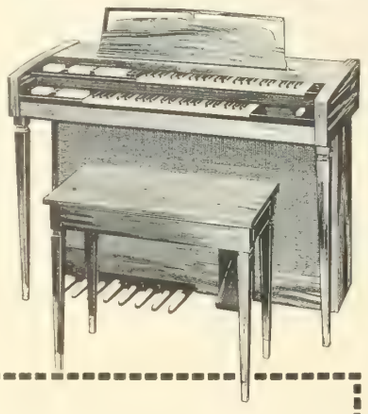
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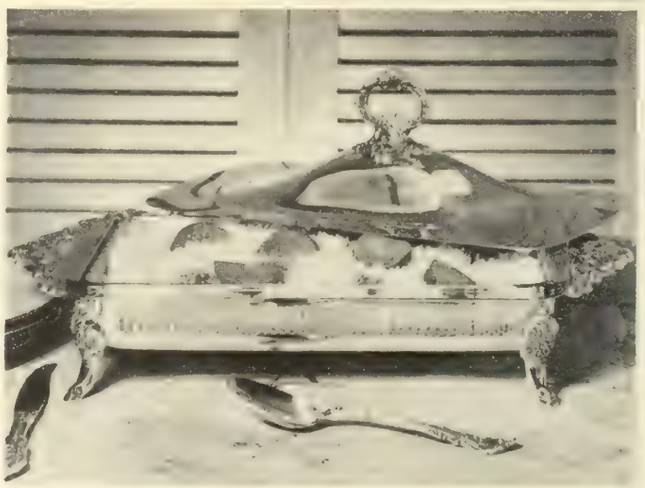
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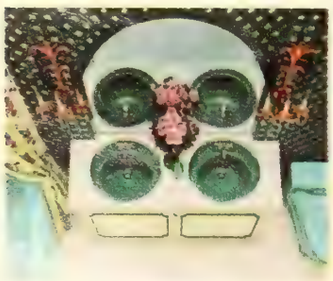
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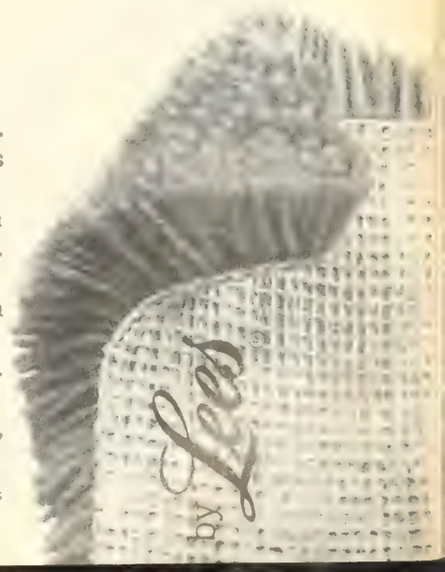
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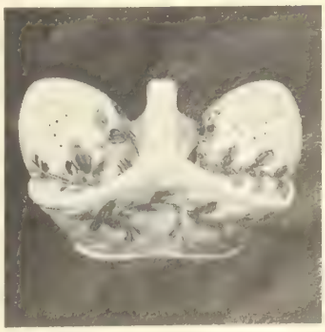
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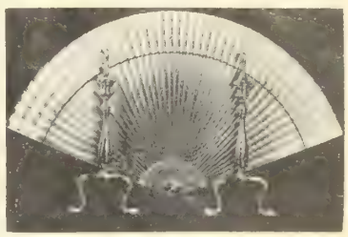
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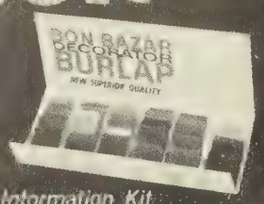
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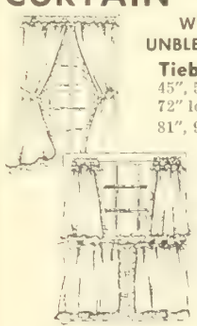
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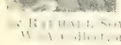
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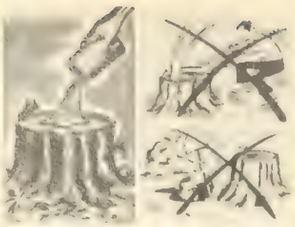
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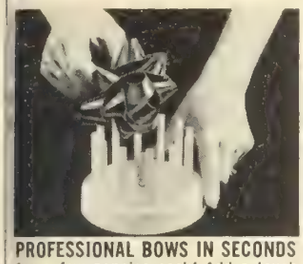
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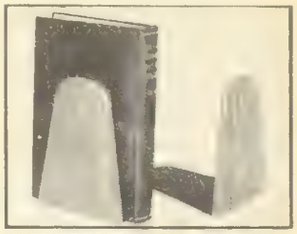


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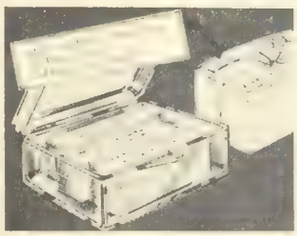
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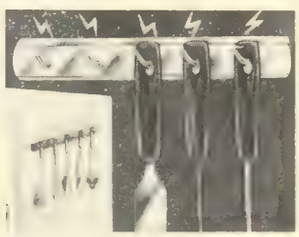
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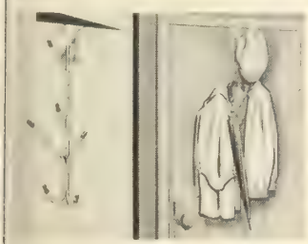
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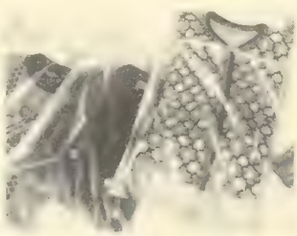
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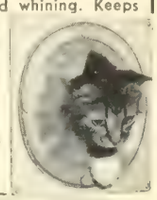
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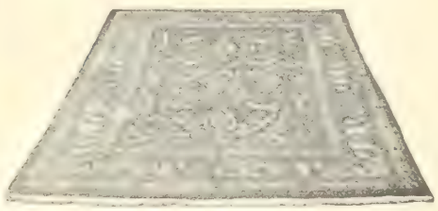
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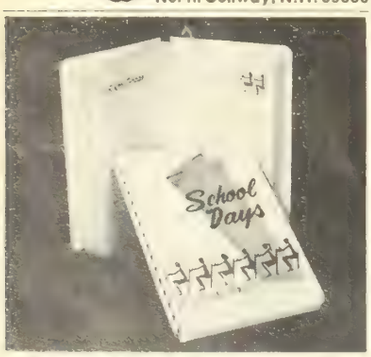
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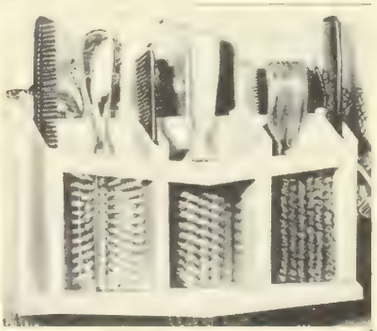
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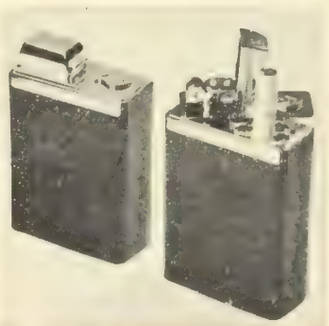
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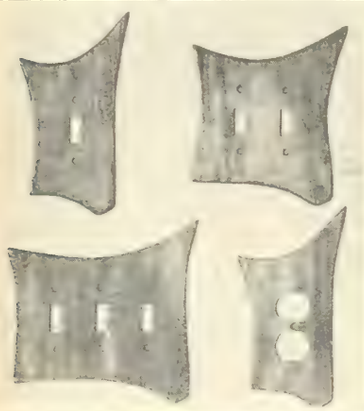
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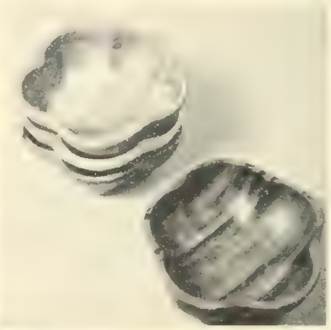
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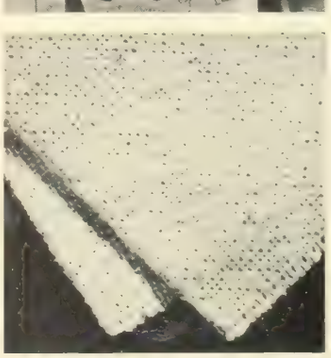
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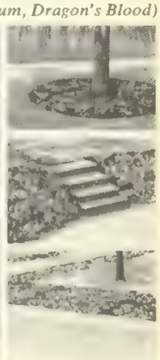
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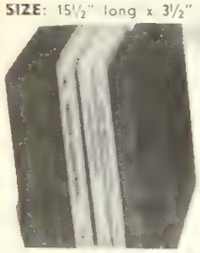
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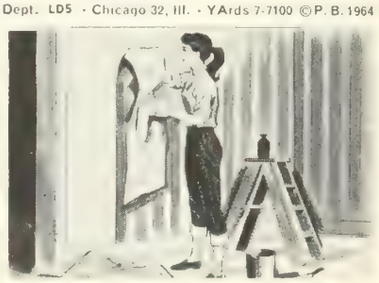


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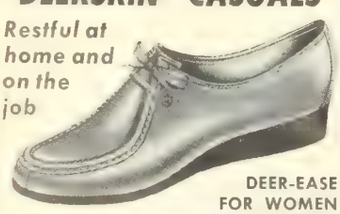
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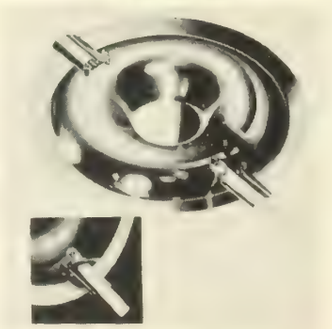
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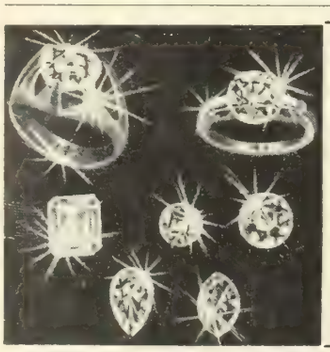
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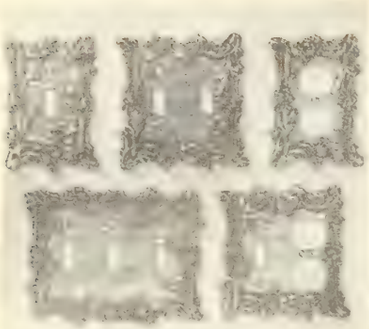


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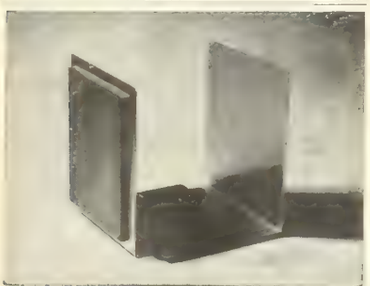
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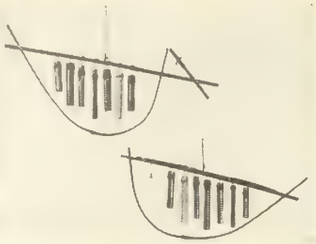
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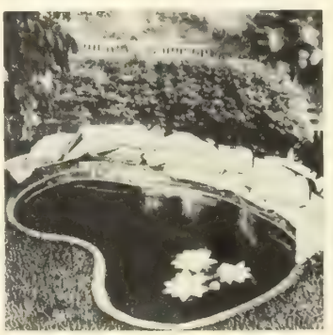
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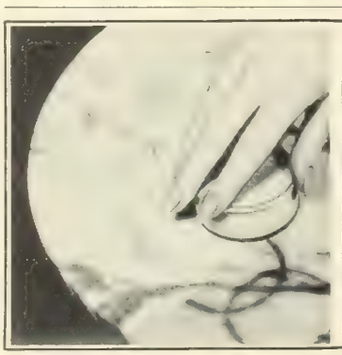
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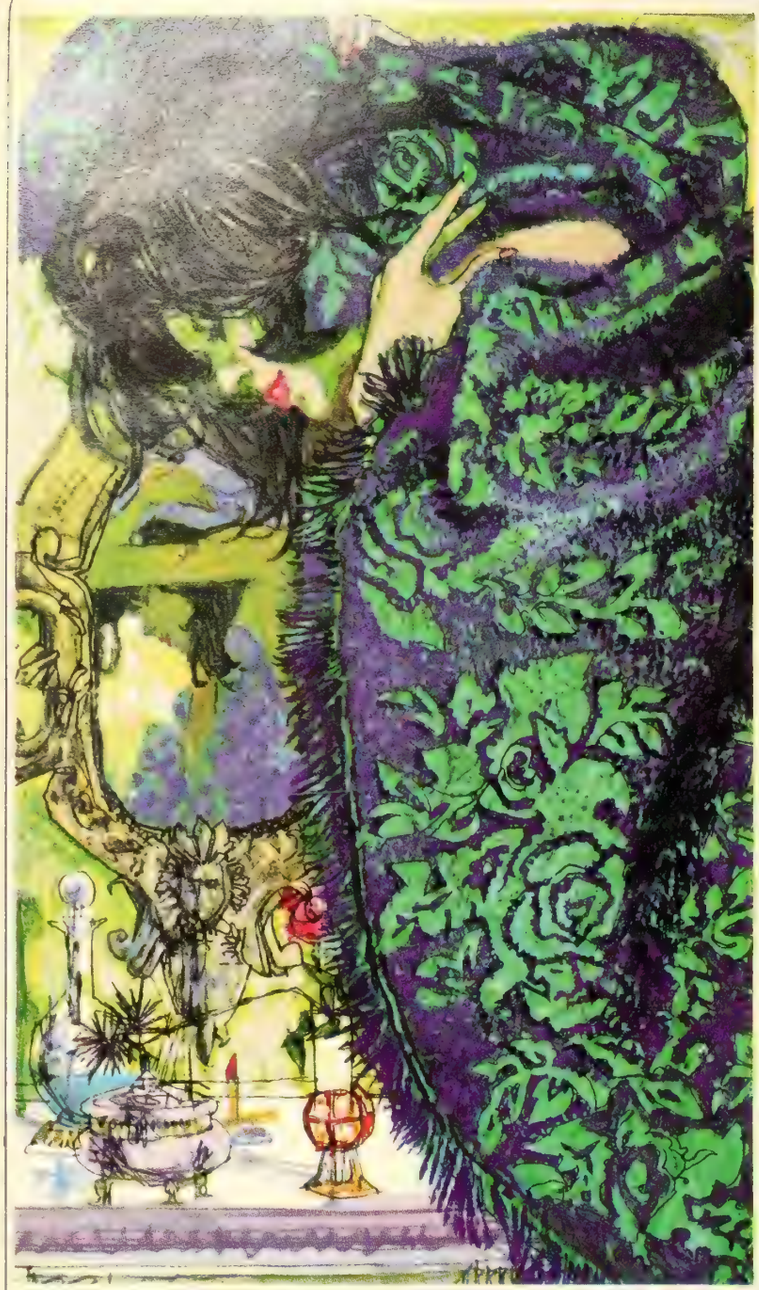
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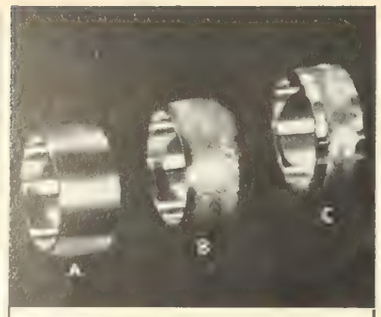


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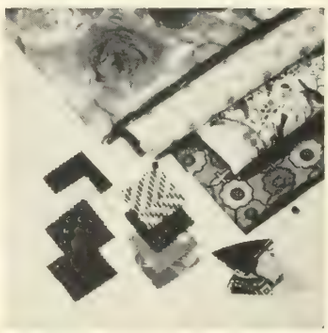
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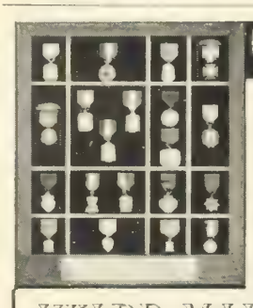
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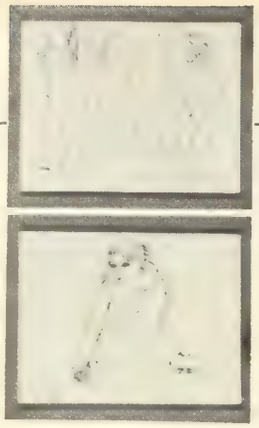
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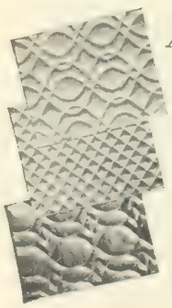
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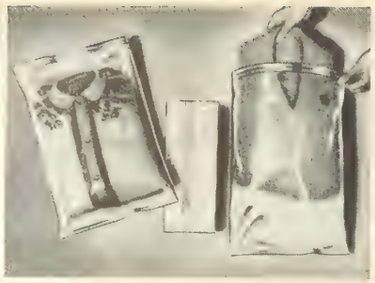


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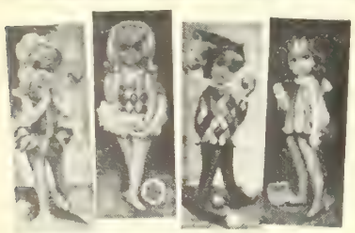


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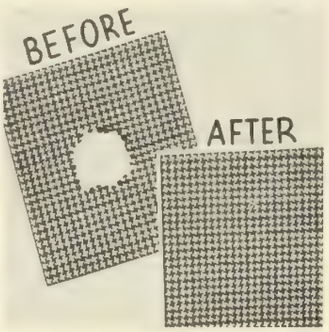
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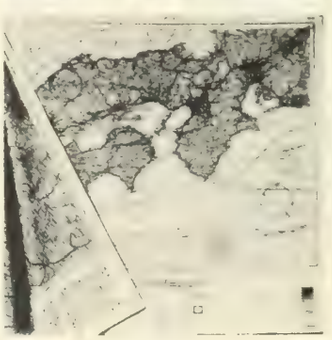
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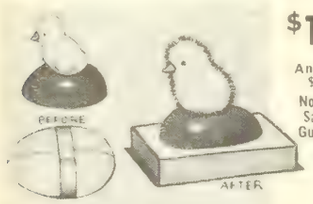
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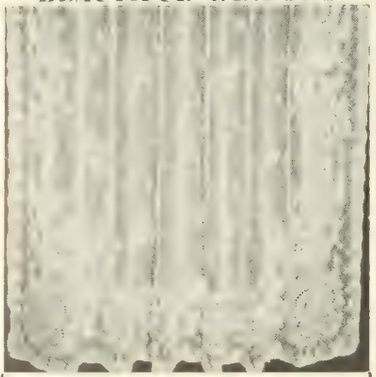
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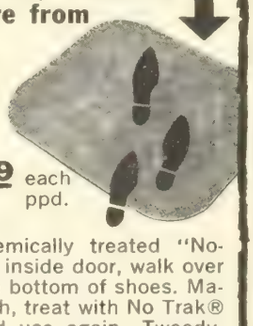
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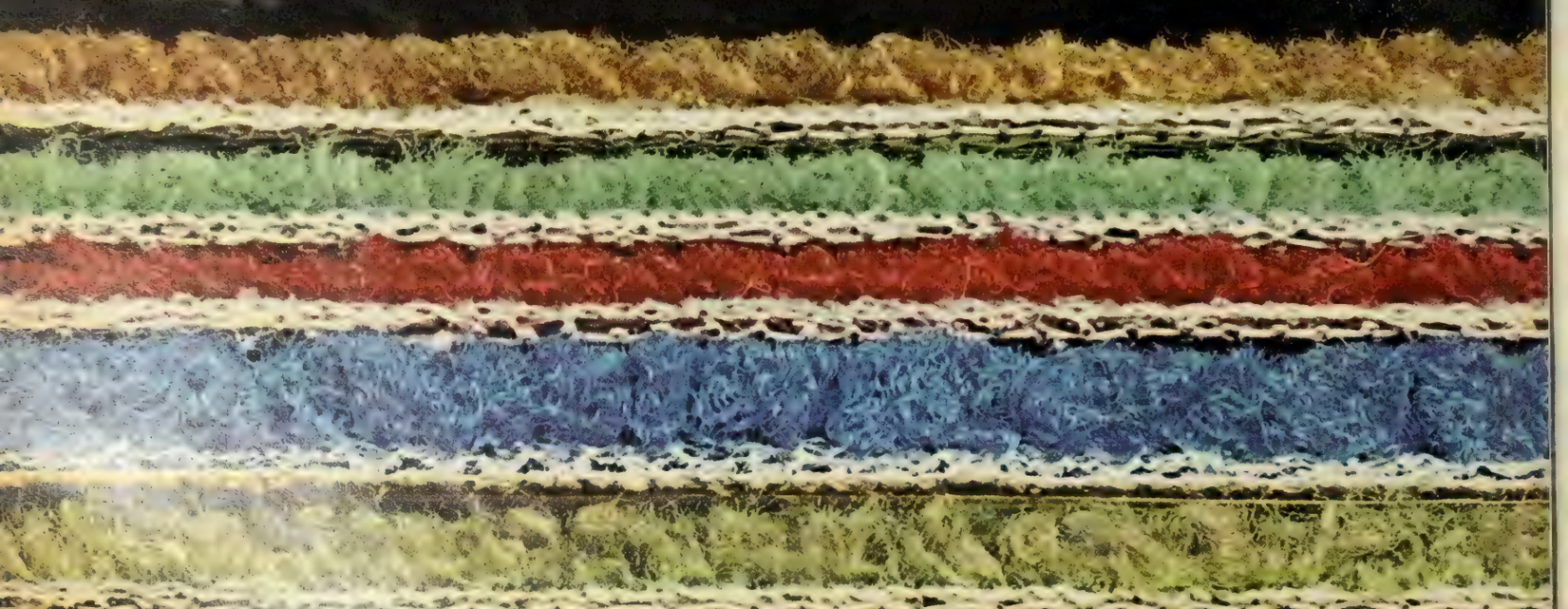
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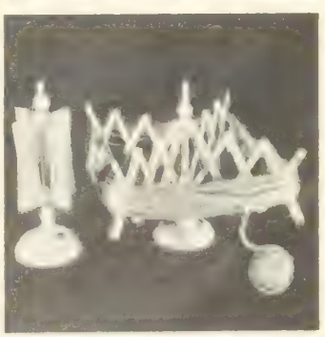
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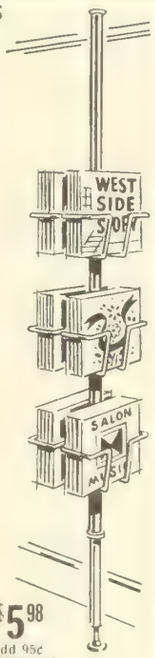
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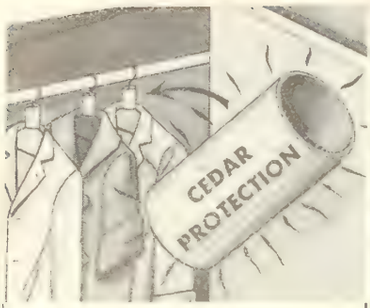
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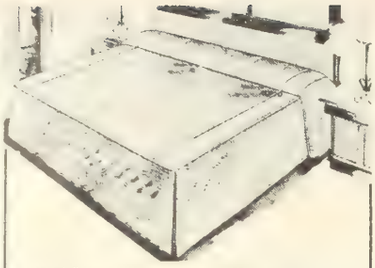
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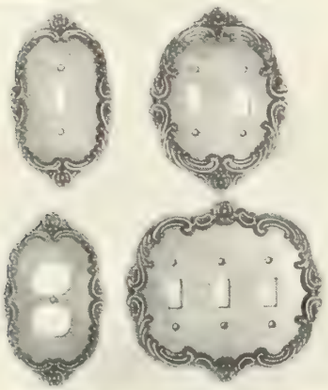
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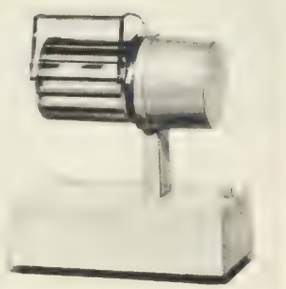
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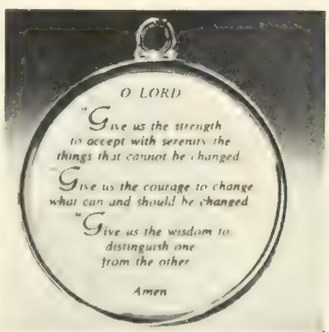
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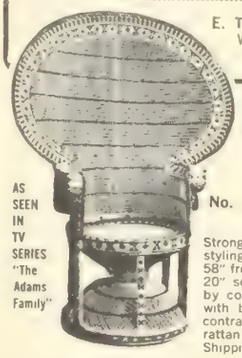
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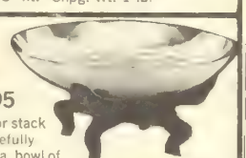


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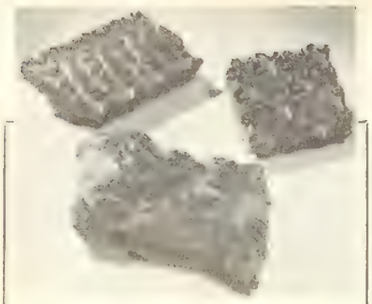


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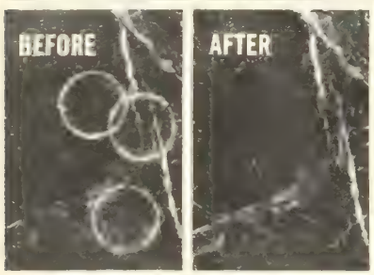
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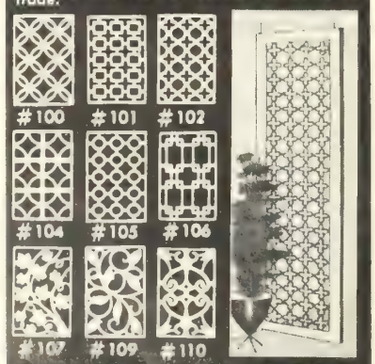
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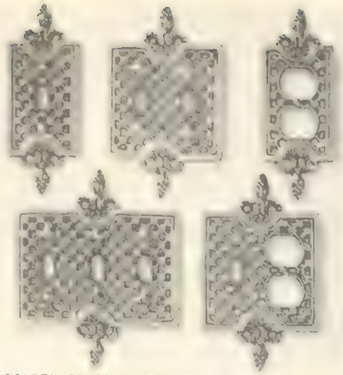
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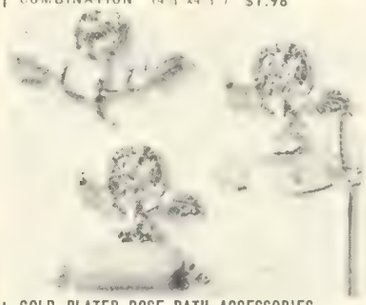
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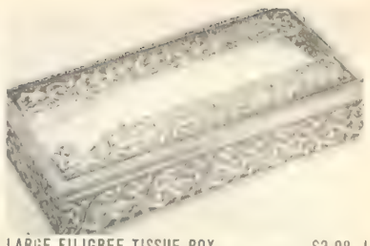
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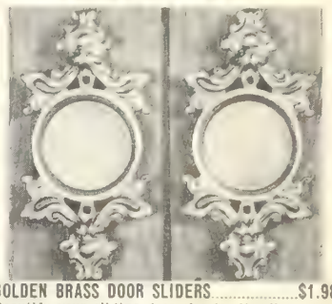
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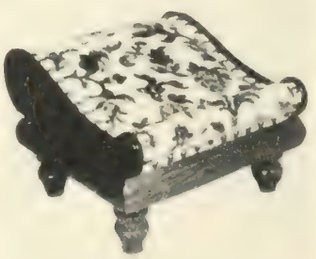
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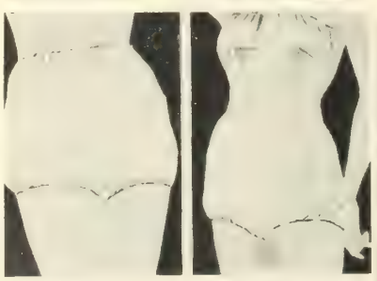
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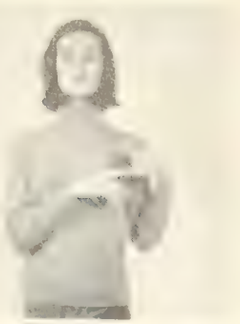
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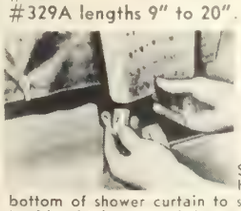


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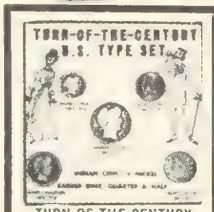
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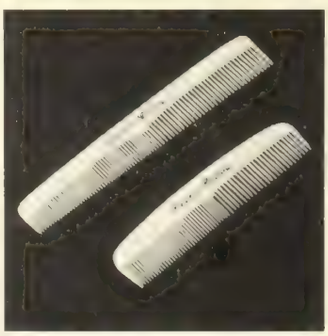
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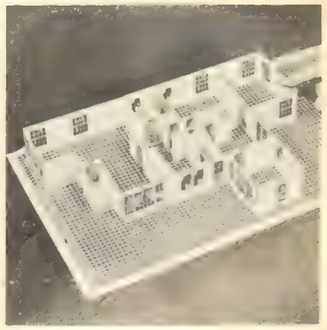
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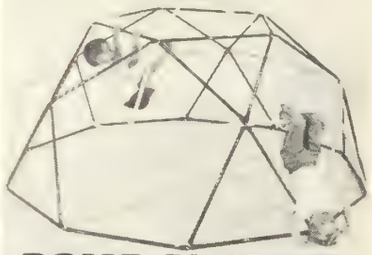


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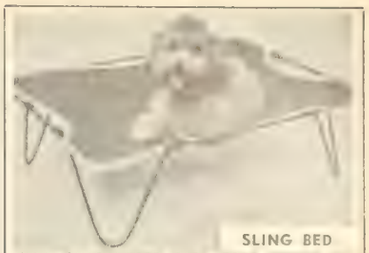
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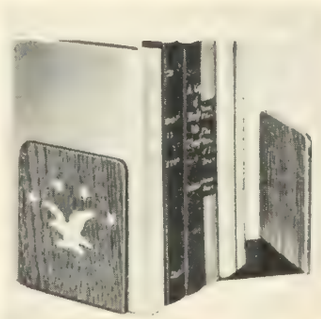


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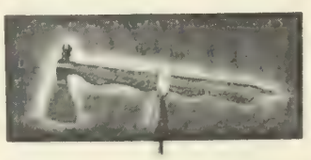
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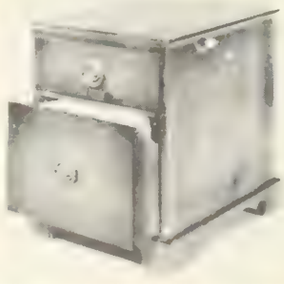
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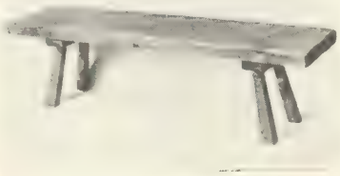
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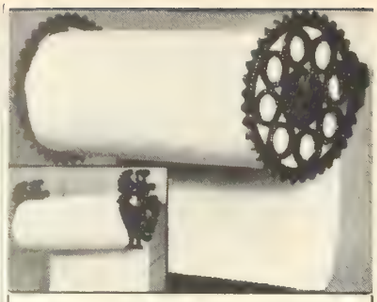




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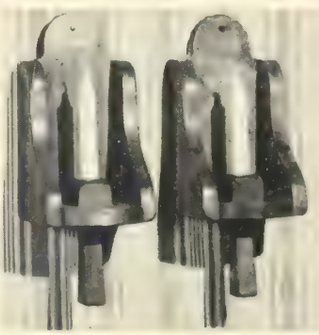
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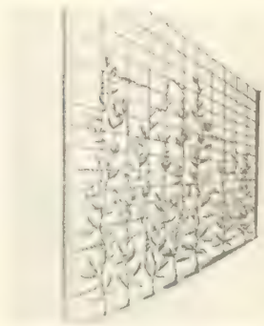
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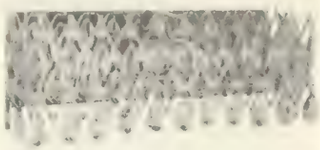
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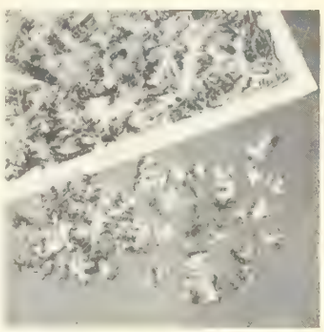
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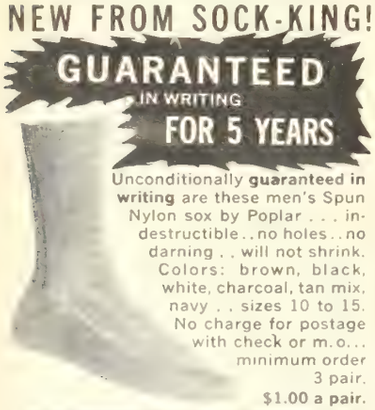
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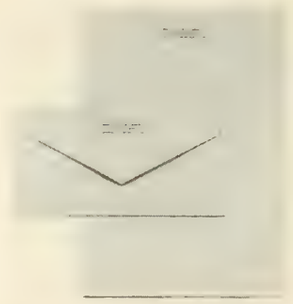
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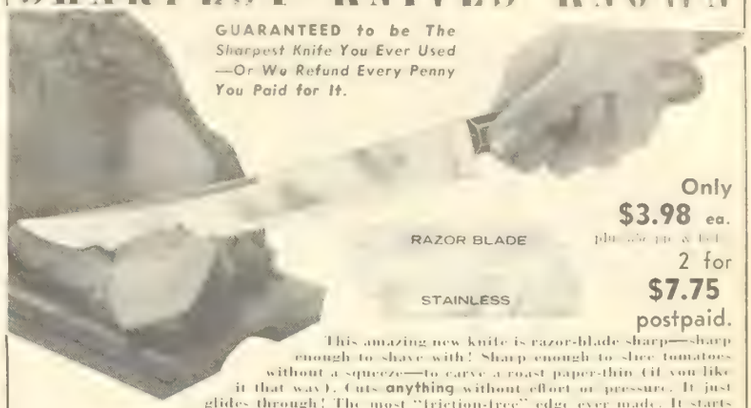
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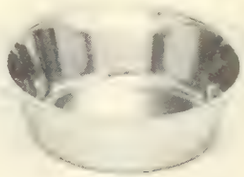
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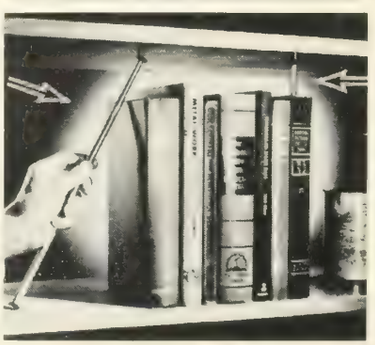
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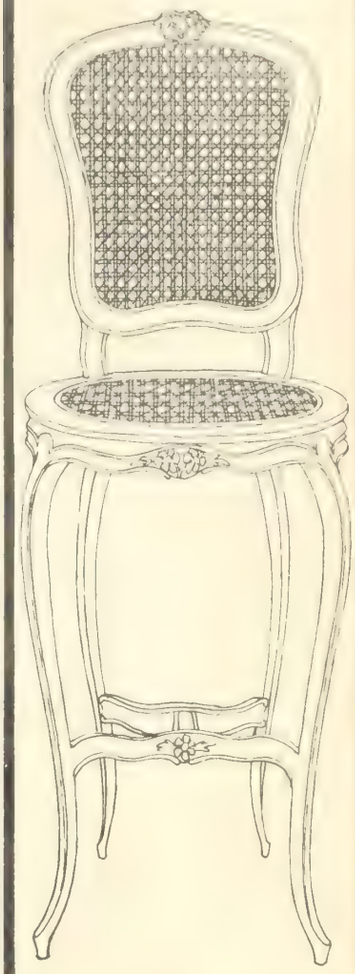
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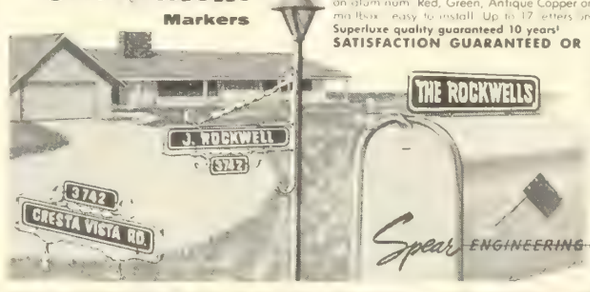
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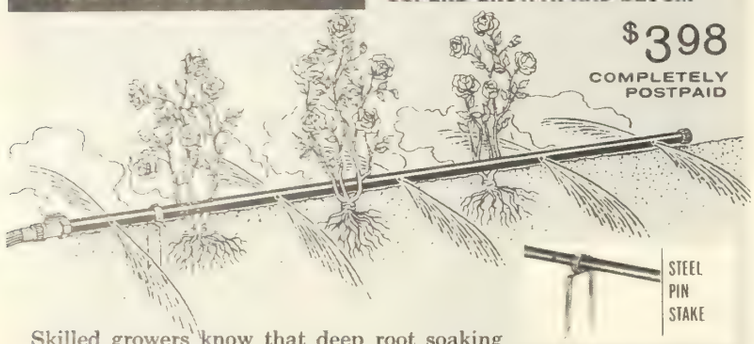
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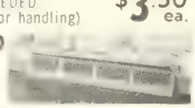
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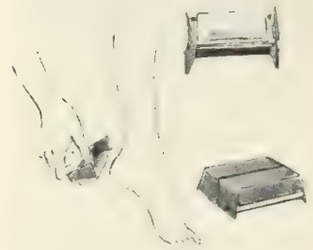
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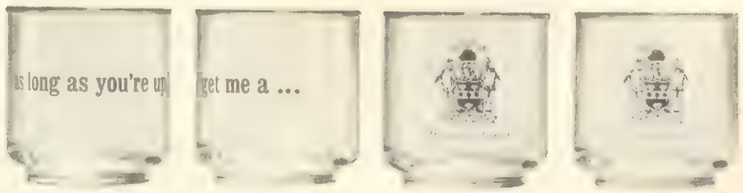
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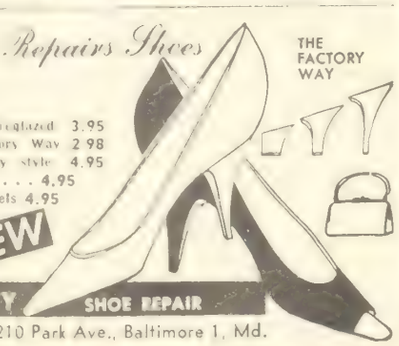
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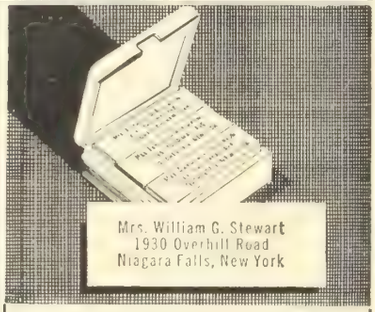
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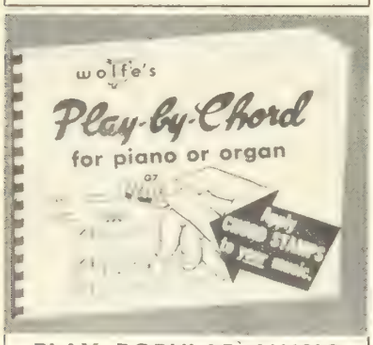
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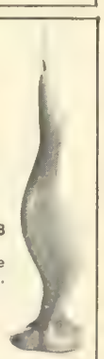
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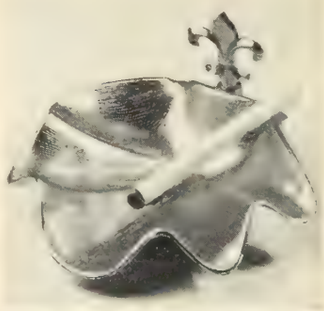
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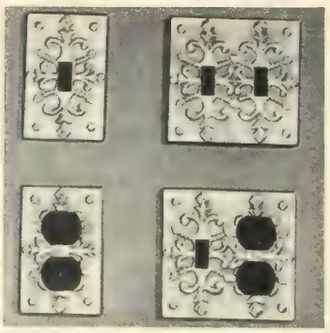
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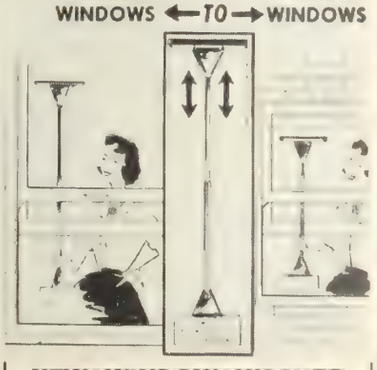
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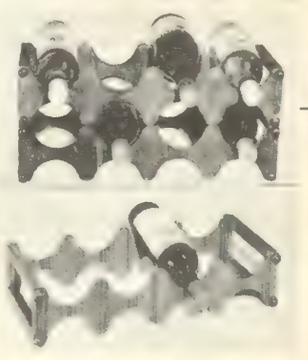


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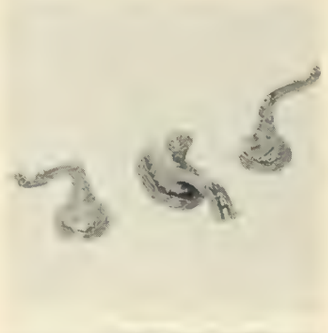
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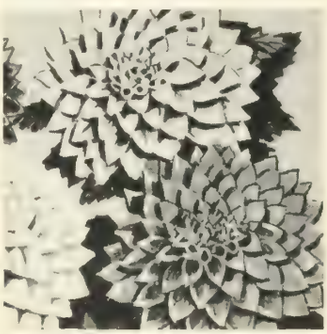
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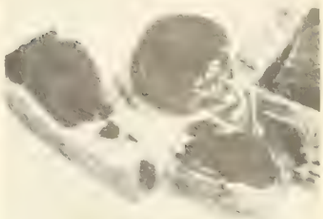
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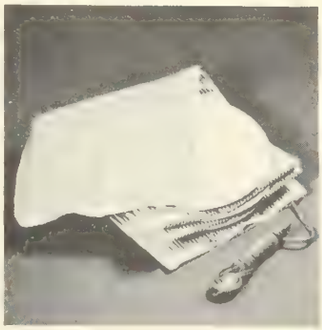
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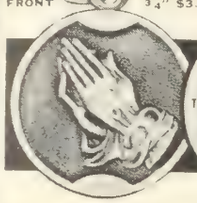
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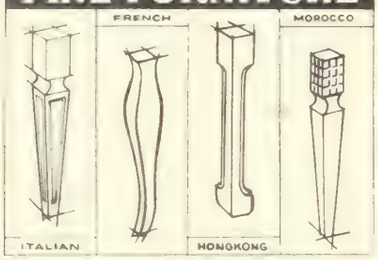




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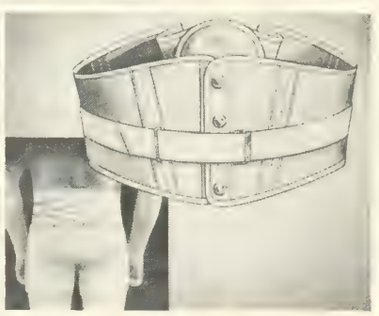
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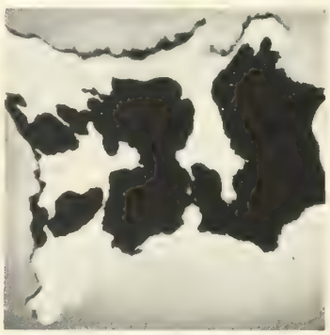
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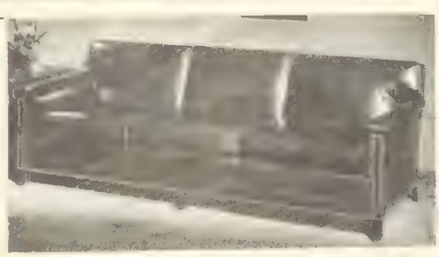
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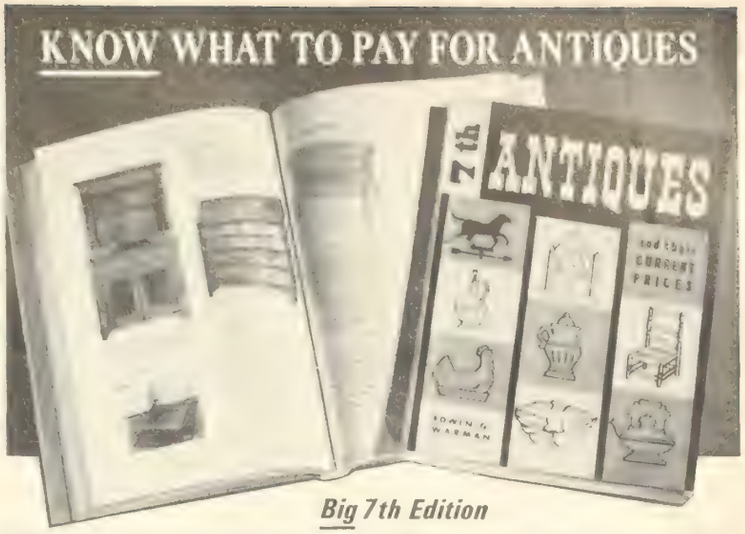
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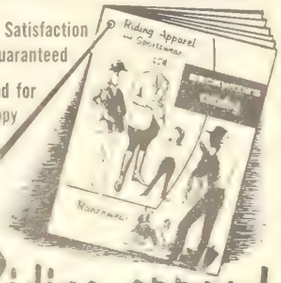
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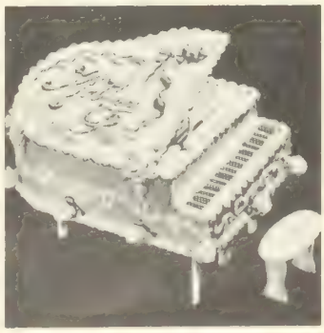
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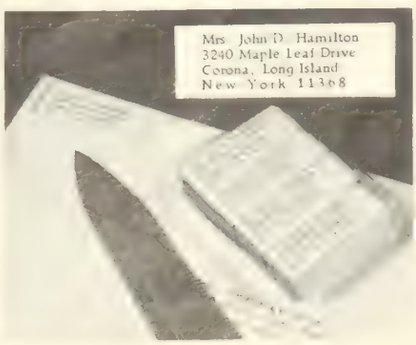
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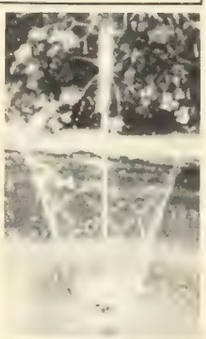
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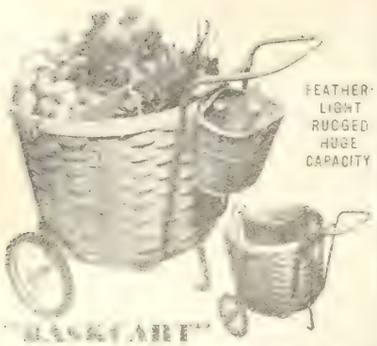
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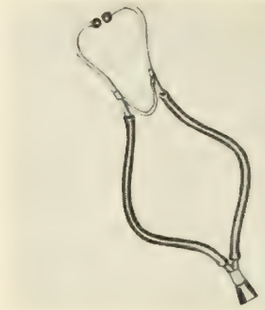
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WHAT GOOD IS ARCHITECTURE?

House & Garden has always maintained that the services of an architect are highly advisable for any building project more ambitious than a tool shed. It must be acknowledged, however, that in many localities, architects for residential jobs are not easily available. There is only one architect for every 10,000 people in the U.S., and a growing number, possibly a majority, are not interested in designing houses. Some have found it a money-losing practice. Some believe that satisfying the needs of a single family is less worthy a goal than satisfying the needs of thousands of school children, hospital patients, concert goers, government workers or Sunday worshipers. And some feel the relatively small scale of a house (a scale that rules out impressive monumentality) is too confining in scope. Nevertheless, a good architect is worth the search, since he can save you both money and irreparable mistakes.

But the services of an architect are not to be confused with architecture, an art which critics, philosophers and architects themselves have been trying to define since the Augustan age. Most of their definitions (by no means, all) have listed as indispensable: sound construction and the effective fulfillment of specific human needs. Yet no one claims that these are in themselves enough to qualify a house (or any other building) as architecture. What are the missing ingredients?

Uniqueness is one. Since every natural site is unique, a house specifically designed for it would necessarily be unique. No copy would qualify, even though the house it is copied from may be generally regarded as a masterpiece. A look of inevitability is another requisite. If any of the lines, details, materials or finishes move you to say "I wonder why they did *that*?" the house lacks something.

The criterion most vital in House & Garden's opinion is somewhat more intangible. In any house worthy of being labeled architecture, not only the exterior form, but the interior spaces, the colors, textures, light, acoustics have a poetic quality that exerts an emotional appeal. "It is not enough to *see* architecture," says the Danish professor, Steen Eiler Rasmussen; "you must experience it."

If poetry is necessary to architecture, is architecture, then, necessary to a house? In our smaller cities and suburbs there are thousands of well-constructed houses, well oriented to pleasant sites, well planned for family living—houses which, if not visually distinguished, are at least inoffensive. No one would call them architecture, yet thousands of families live in them contentedly, comfortably. And the poetry their houses lack would not increase their comfort. It would, however, offer them, day by day, hour by hour, the sense of exhilaration most people get from discovering a perfect blossom, watching the rising of the moon, looking at a fine painting, listening to a superlative performance of a great symphony.

House & Garden admits that a house need not be architecture to be an inviting, comfortable, convenient, well-beloved home. But any family is greatly to be envied who has all that and architecture, too.

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THE RETURN



TO ABSOLUTE SIMPLICITY

Every house H & G has nitwo as a Hallmark House has been measured with two sets of calipers —one for distinction of design, one for the quality of living it fosters. On both counts, this house, nestled like a tiny village on a stretch of lush Minnesota farmland, rates pretty close to summa cum laude. It epitomizes a sharp swing of the architectural pendulum from contrived complexity to the refreshing elegance of pure simplicity. As a structure, it is a demonstration of how simple materials assembled with a sculptor's skill to achieve a superb relationship with rolling hills and meadows and a nearby lake. And under the delicate sharpness of its gabled roofs there is a latent hardiness that affords the family who lives there the unrestricted pleasure of possessing a man-made Eden which is also as tough as nails. Happily rich in adaptable ideas, this house with its many felicitous elements may well serve as a guide to the creation of smaller and less costly Edens for other families.



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The house: a quadrangular compound





rom the east, the house is an interplay of geometric pattern



As you look into courtyard from service drive, front door with its porch lies straight ahead



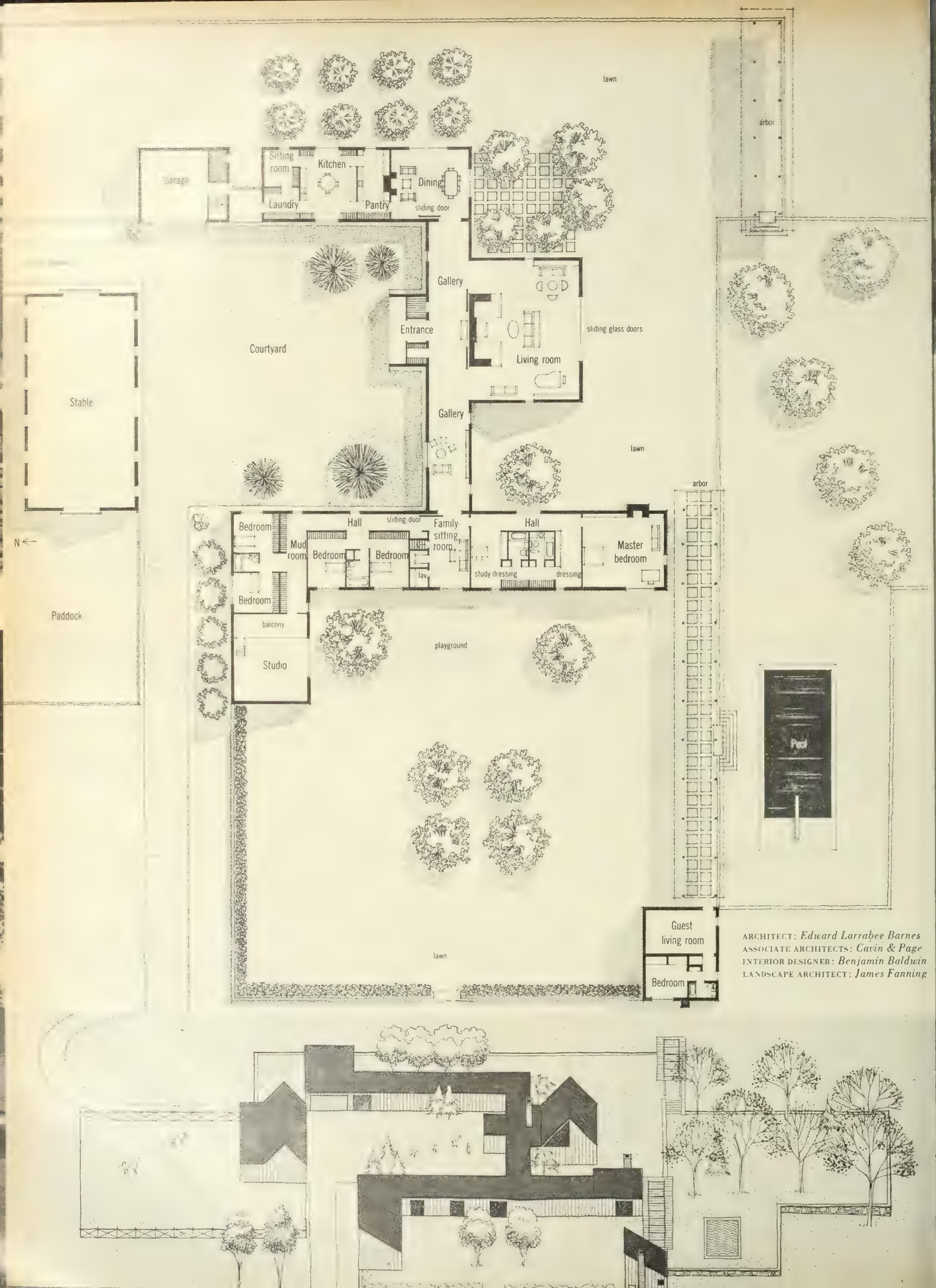
As you come up a winding country road, the house, at first sight, seems not a house, but a hilltop hamlet. Complicated, but enchanting to look at, the compound consists of a series of long, low, flat buildings broken here and there by the sudden upthrust of studio peaks, glittering with glass—rhythmic accents for an otherwise placid house of simple white-painted cedar siding with no exterior accents except a deep blue front door and a lichen-colored terne roof. The whiteness is almost Mykonosian in intensity, and (as on Mykonos, a Greek island the family loves) extraordinary in the way it reflects sunshine and moonlight in an iridescence of mauve, blue, green and yellow. Despite the familiar rural earmarks of stable and outbuildings, the house has the magical, crystalline clarity of one of Charles Sheeler's architectural paintings, which, from a distance, and in certain lights, it calls to mind.

Because three professionals—architect, landscape architect and interior designer—worked together on the house from the beginning, there is nothing to suggest that one element of design has been superimposed upon another. As if by natural, inevitable development, the emergent structure acquired an instant lived-in look—a mellowness rare in a new house.

As a home, the house had to satisfy certain requisites of size, endurance and background for an enormously active family of two adults, four children (3 to 14 years old), two adored, roam-where-they-please dogs—one of them a St. Bernard, three cats, two servants and, somewhere in the offing, four horses. There had to be space and facilities for constant entertaining on a come-one, come-all scale. And since the family likes furniture and paintings of all schools and styles, they wanted a very simple background as an umbrella for heterogeneous possessions.

They also wanted nothing formal or fussy by way of landscaping. One of the most interesting things about the house is the total naturalness of its setting—an "untouched" look which was achieved (as simpli so often is) only by highly complicated painstaking means. (C

In the L between living room at left and dining room is a flagged dining terrace



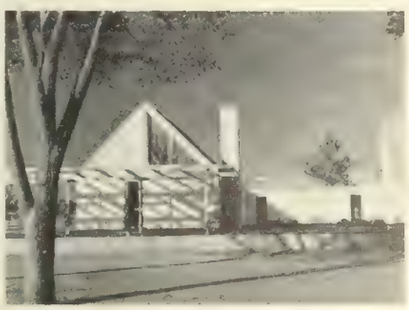
ARCHITECT: *Edward Larrabee Barnes*
ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS: *Cavin & Page*
INTERIOR DESIGNER: *Benjamin Baldwin*
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: *James Fanning*



On the south side, grape arbors stretch in the shade of a plantation of old elms

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The plan: divided into three parts



Master bedroom, peak-roofed and arbored, is at south end of sleeping wing

These measures included extensive grading to fit the house on a plateau, relocation of trees for accent and shade, a swimming pool far enough from the house *not* to be a Hollywood eye-catcher, a little hill beyond replanted with dogwood to create a bucolic vista.

Built around a quadrangular courtyard (see plan and drawing, *opposite page*), the main structure of the house consists of three sections forming a huge U extended here and there with projections. The U encloses three sides of the courtyard, a stable, the fourth. You enter the courtyard between the stable and the west wing, walk over to a little porch and the front door, cross a gallery and end in the living room. Or you may turn left, walk down the gallery and find yourself in the dining-kitchen wing. Children are more apt to turn right, skip past a little sitting area at the end of the gallery and, entering the sleeping wing, turn right again to their bedrooms. At the end of the wing is a two-storied extension used both as playroom and dance studio. The family is ardently terpsichorean.

The house is indeed a big one, but its size adds up to more than grandeur or ostentation. Here bigness contributes a special quality of living. There is not only a place for every facet of family life, there is often more than one place, for most of the main rooms are bi-functional. The living room, for example, is a real room for living and, at the same time, a wonderful place for entertaining. The gallery is often a supper-and-party room, yet one end of it is used as a little library. Depending on mood and circumstance, the family can also read or talk or entertain in the family-sitting room or the master bedroom.

Surrounding the house (*opposite page, below*) are outdoor spaces relevant to each indoor zone—lawns and terraces for the living and dining-kitchen wings, a playground for the children's wing. Each of these areas is defined by fencing or limestone walls or arbors which someday will be cloaked with grapes. (*Continued*)



From the front porch, you face the stable —the fourth wall of the entrance court



Approaching the house by the service road, you drive past a gable-end of the stable

From north, you see stable at extreme left, guest house at extreme right





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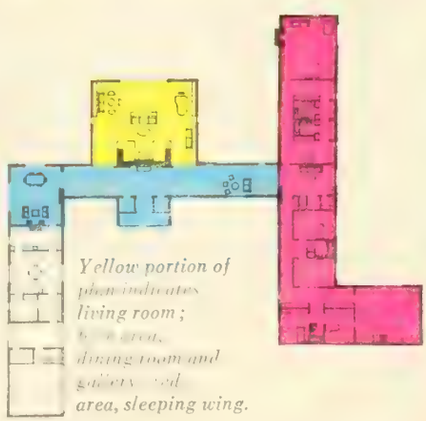
The living room: a huge peaked square

Inside, the house is as white as it is outside. The plaster walls, smooth as silk, and the acoustical plaster ceilings are utterly free of moldings and beams. The living room, a vast 40-foot square, soars to a 20-foot peak dramatized by great triangles of glass set into each gable-end to frame the sky and a changing interplay of clouds, storms, stars and moon. The family are inveterate skywatchers. Dominating the room is a heroically scaled fireplace of soapstone flanked by built-in hikies with red fox lap robes for nappers. Directly opposite the fireplace is an 8-by-18-foot opening in the wall equipped with glass doors, screens and blinds, all of which slide into wall pockets on each side to bare an uninterrupted panorama that rolls away for mile after mile. The floor, paved half in slate, half in parquet (dancers' delight), glistens under an eclectic potpourri of furniture: an ebony piano hugging a Ficus tree; a rare Louis XIII sofa; Biedermeier chairs teamed with a velvet love seat under a Braque tapestry; rattan chairs from Italy; old steamer chairs from a Hudson River steamboat. (*Continued*)

ABOVE:
The fireplace is flanked by doors leading to the gallery

OPPOSITE PAGE:
Wall at right of fireplace, like that at left, holds books and music installation

RIGHT:
Directly opposite fireplace is the great panorama window—almost half-a-wall wide



Yellow portion of plan indicates living room; [illegible] dining room and gallery and area, sleeping wing.



Dining room sideboard is a built-in, wall-hung server and silver chest

The gallery links the wings

The 12-foot-wide gallery stretches 80 feet from the sleeping wing (see red section of plan, preceding page) to the dining room, where, like most of the house, the floor is paved with Vermont slate. But unlike the living room, the furniture shares a common ancestry. It includes an English fruitwood group for dining, and for breakfasting and tea by the fireplace, two burnt orange love seats and a little trestle table of myrtle burl.

The far end of the gallery from the dining room, *opposite page*, is used as though it were a separate room. A wall of books, a velvet sofa and a trio of black Italian armchairs make a cozy spot for browsing when anyone feels in a bookish mood. But on party nights, the furniture is cleared away, and up from the basement (by way of a battery of trap doors) come enough folding tables and stacking chairs to seat 65 dinner guests. Chairs are black, brown or mauve, table linen is usually pink, and with the cutting garden raided for flowers, the gallery becomes a kaleidoscope of color with the guests dancing between courses and later, after dinner, on the parquet "ballroom" half of the living room floor. (*Continued*)



With the window open, a great section of the wall seems to disappear

Sliding doors at end of gallery open to a family-sitting room in sleeping wing

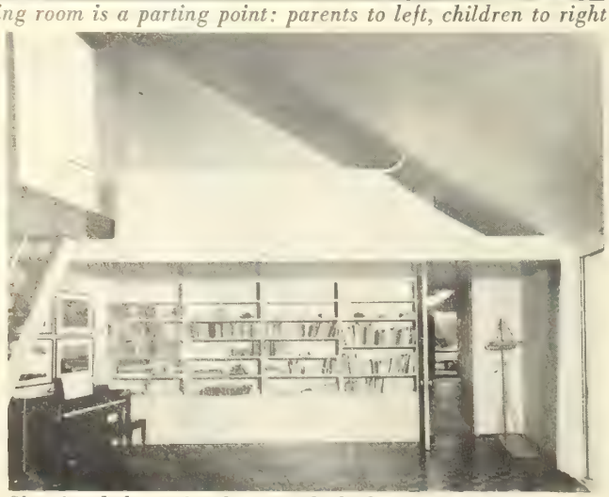




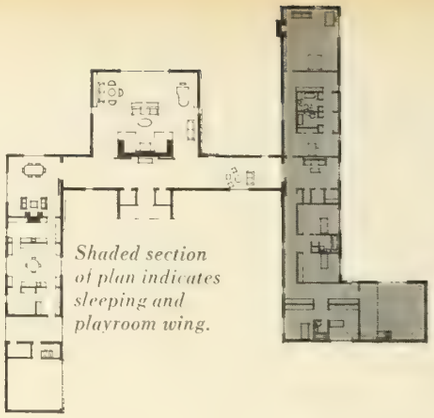
Glass half-gable in master bedroom is shaded with louvers of heavy linen



Family-sitting room is a parting point: parents to left, children to right



Sleeping balcony in playroom beds down young guests



Shaded section of plan indicates sleeping and playroom wing.

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The wing for sleep and play

The master bedroom, *left top*, is spacious enough to be a private sitting room, too—an elegant retreat with a fireplace, green velvet armchairs and a sofa covered in a yellow-and-white damask print. A big canopied bed on the wall opposite the triangular window is the only conventional bedroom denizen, and because the dressing rooms next door take care of all storage from clothes to lipsticks, there are no chests of drawers.

At the center of the wing, the family-sitting room, *left, center*, is completely communal and something of a beehive. Here, clothes are mended, fine seams sewn, needlepoint worked. The liveliest spot in the house, perhaps, is the two-storied playroom, *left, below*, half gym, half dance studio, with a sleeping balcony under the sloping roof and a parquet floor—lovely surface for terpsichorean feet.

Part of the playroom wing is a mud room, *opposite page*, where the children arrive direct from outdoors after a bout of Red Rover. Mop-up spot and catch-all, it is probably the only mud room ever equipped with ceiling spotlights and a skylight so that—with the children grown—it can be used, someday, as a picture gallery. *For other aspects of this house, see page 198.*



Children's rooms are furnished alike, differ only as to type of memorabilia

Mud room holds gear, boots, coats and a pin-up board for a changing show of the children's best painting



TOM LEONARD

FOOL THE EYE PENTHOUSE

filled with treasures and bordered by terraces



Bold wallpaper and ceramic pillars set off entrance hall from living room.

When you walk in the front door of interior designer Peter Prince's Manhattan penthouse for the first time, you think for a minute that you have been miraculously transported out of the city. Wide windows frame leafy views of weeping willow, birch and crabapple. The window ledges are rimmed with bright red geraniums and beyond them you catch glimpses of flowery-cushioned rattan chairs. All this country flora is growing, of course, on terraces to which four of the apartment's five rooms open. Indoors the mood is citified, sophisticated—an appropriate setting for the rare and beautiful antiques Mr. Prince has unearthed in nearly every corner of the globe.

Yet when the designer first acquired the little penthouse, he felt that like so many modern apartments, it totally lacked structural or architectural interest. So he set about correcting this. To the ceilings and floors he added cornice moldings and baseboards which instantly gave the rooms a more elegant, traditional look. Some of the flush doors also were trimmed with moldings to temper their modern sleekness. A book wall was built along one side of the living room. And the parquet floors were treated with black and brown wax to darken their too-new pallor—a strategy that made an amazing difference in the character of the rooms.

In furnishing them, Mr. Prince achieved additional fool-the-eye effects. Since the penthouse ceilings are low, he was extremely careful about the scale of the furniture. He used several French chairs of miniature proportions and tiny tables just big enough to hold a lamp. In some rooms, tall antique painted screens and mirrors visually lift the ceiling; in others, plants massed on the floor achieve a similar illusion by drawing the eye downwards. The color schemes were purposely kept simple and subdued in order not to overpower the space. And by giving each room an entirely different quality, he capitalized on the fact that the apartment, which encircles an elevator shaft, turns several corners and each room is visually separated from the next. Thus as you move through the apartment you feel as if you are in a small but rambling house—each room a surprise [illegible] last, each looking out on a different prospect of terrace, sky and city rooftops.

At one end of the L-shaped living room, Mr. Prince installed an antique French stove—"to give the pleasure of firelight, the country-ish smell of wood smoke." Along the long wall, the shelves house, in addition to books, a collection of old plates and figures from China. Morocco and Puerto Rico. Also included in this built-in arrangement is a cabinet for hi-fi equipment and a space-saving niche for a spinet piano. The night-dark tones of the antique Chinese screen behind the sofa give the room an illusion of greater depth.





TOM LEONARD



Each room spills over onto a terrace







LEFT:

Outside the living room, *top*, a little terrace, with rattan furniture cushioned in flowery cotton, makes a wonderful eagle's nest in which to relax before dinner on warm evenings. The dining room has its own leafy terrace, *center*, for summer luncheons and informal dinners. Food is set out on shelf at the left which is also a pass-through to kitchen. Off the library end of living room, *bottom*, another little terrace banked with geraniums and cooled with a fountain is used for serving guests after-dinner coffee.

RIGHT:

The main part of the L-shaped living room, *top*, is arranged in several self-contained areas. For card players, a table is permanently set up at one end of the room well away from conversation areas. At library end of L, *center*, cane-paneled doors in book wall open to hi-fi center and record storage, and painting (see page 136) swings up to reveal TV screen, locks firmly in place.

RIGHT AND OPPOSITE PAGE:

The guest bedroom doubles as an office-at-home. To make a niche for the bed and also provide extra storage (the clothes closet, *right*, was taken over for office files), the corner of the room at the head of the bed was built out and enclosed with curtains of the same beige-and-white ticking that covers the walls. Mr. Prince discovered the sumptuous antique carved-wood mirror in the basement of a London antique shop—almost a lost cause, with paint and cut up into several pieces.



The pocket-handkerchief dining room looks and feels much larger than its actual size—only 10 by 13 feet. An antique French screen—one of the series called "*Les Monuments de Paris*" by the nineteenth-century screen painter Defour—extends the room visually, as does the mirror on the adjoining wall. The tables remain largely uncovered and the floor uncarpeted in order to preserve the uncluttered look of large unbroken areas of bare wood.



The master bedroom with its broad areas of solid color has a contemporary flavor entirely different from that of any room in the apartment. Most of the time the curtains remain partly drawn to narrow the proportions of the extra-wide window (it stretches almost the length of the room) and to keep the room from seeming too exposed. Tucked out of sight above each four-poster canopy are hi-fi speakers for enjoying music piped in from living room.



TOM YEE

CORNER STRATEGY

How to salvage idle space and make your rooms more livable

It may not always be true that if you take care of the corners, the room will take care of itself—but if you adopt that premise as a working formula, you will not go far wrong. Often furnishing the corners will prove a more direct route to livability than trying to deal with the space as a whole. By taking advantage of the corners, you can make small rooms seem larger both visually and in terms of actual living space. Corner arrangements also help to solve small-room traffic problems. In the corners of large rooms, you can create special purpose rooms-within-a-room—an office-at-home, perhaps, or a music room. Or you can set up intimate little conversation or reading areas in the corners of rooms designed primarily for large-scale entertaining. Even when windows, jogs or other irregularities make a room corner seem at first glance unusable, you can salvage the space by means of various devices that define it, unify it and provide a backdrop for the furniture.





Three corners of a living room work as three separate rooms

Often a large room can be apportioned into three or four rooms-within-a-room, each with a distinct function, but each sharing the spaciousness of the whole. Three corner arrangements divide Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Feinberg's Manhattan living room into a sitting and dining area, an office-at-home and an auxiliary conversation area for parties. In the sitting-room corner, *above,* armchairs and sofa are linked by a lamp table that is cleared at night and rolled out into the room to be used as a dining table. (Sculpture in front of mirror is highlighted by switching on a special high-intensity, tiny-globed lamp.) Office-at-home in corner at right of fireplace, *above,* is marked off by a desk table. Built-in cabinets keep office clutter out of sight in the evenings. Third corner on other side of fireplace, *opposite page,* is lined with suede-covered banquettes—a space-saving arrangement for extra party seating. Interior designers: Braswell-Cook Assoc.





1 *Blinds make backdrop for furniture in a glassed-in corner*

2 *Wall-to-wall bed salvages space from two corners*





CORNER STRATEGY *continued*

1 There are a number of simple decorative measures you can adopt to unify a hard-to-use corner. Pull-across bamboo blinds, for instance, give a sense of definition to a glass-walled corner of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert W. Coleman's sunroom in Winnetka, Ill., and provide a coherent background for a banquette-like arrangement of sectional sofas. Interior designer: Richard Himmel.

2 Platform bed (foam-rubber mattress on plywood foundation) made to fit exactly from corner to corner saves precious space in a tiny bedroom. During day, bed doubles as a divan piled with pillows in both corners. Interior designer: Gil Velazquez, Jr. for Celanese.

3 Wallpaper, a chandelier and a painting give a dining room atmosphere to one corner of a kitchen. The illusion of dining in a separate room is increased by the fact that most of the diners sit with their backs to working area of kitchen. Interior designer: Audré Fiber.

4 Curtains drawn all the way around a windowed corner make a background for a sitting room arrangement in Mr. and Mrs. John P. Pitcairn's bedroom in Corpus Christi, Tex. When the overcurtains are drawn back, the continuous valance gives unity to the corner. Interior designer: Norman McD. Foster.

5 A mural wallpaper defines library corner of a small living room and the depth of its Uccello-like perspective opens up corner, makes room seem larger. Interior designer: Barbara D'Arcy of Bloomingdale's.



3 *Decorative background defines a kitchen dining corner*



4 *Curtains suggest walls in a windowed corner*

5 *Mural gives depth to a library corner*



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Round tables make good capital of corners

CORNER STRATEGY *continued*

Above: A windowed corner flooded with natural light is a good place for a round game and tea table. The games corner in Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shapiro's living room in Swampscott, Mass., is further defined by the round rug under the table and the chandelier above it. Interior designer: Bess Bernard.

Right: A windowless corner makes a good background for a round art-display table. In a windowless corner of a bedroom in Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schlesinger's house in San Francisco, Calif., a collection of African treasures is displayed on a table skirted in heavy white duck banded in black. The group of Matisse drawings hung near the corner help to give scale to the somewhat low arrangement in this high-ceilinged room. Interior designer: Michael Taylor.

Opposite page: A many-purpose round table is valuable in a tiny room such as this small living room. Most of the day the table, covered in suede cloth, holds objets d'art, plants. Cleared of everything but the lamp, it becomes a work and reading table. In the evening, it can be pulled out into the room and set for a cozy dinner for four people. Interior designer: Stephen Mallory.



Starting here: a special eight-page section on home sound conditioning prepared by H&G with the assistance of Robert B. Newman

It's not the NOISE, it's the

No one with two ears needs to be told the world is getting noisier. But our generation is not the first to notice this. Over a century ago, Schopenhauer wrote a sizzling essay on the wanton, cursed, brain-paralyzing noise created by coachmen and carters cracking their whips. Three centuries before that, the painter Bronzino described in a letter the torment inflicted by the noises of a small Italian town. The shriek of a jet may well be the loudest noise yet known to man, but in measuring human reaction to sound, decibels are not always relevant. Individuals who have lived happily for years beside the thunderous roar of a waterfall are roused to profanity by the buzzing of a fly. It is not the noise that disturbs us, it's the annoyance.

We tolerate, often enjoy, bland continuous sounds: "rivulets hurrying thro' the lawn, the moan of doves . . . and murmuring of innumerable bees." We are annoyed by the sudden sharp crack of a slammed door, of a shoe dropped on a bare floor. Relatively immune to the familiar, expected noises of the day, we stiffen with tension at the lesser but *un*familiar, *un*expected noises of things that go bump in the night. Sounds that are pertinent to the business at hand are welcomed. The telephone's ring is sweet music to the young girl expecting a call from her lover. To the man who is trying to dictate a difficult letter, the same sound is a shrill, jangling, highly impertinent interruption.

Sounds, like scents, like old songs, are nostalgic, evocative. Whether we love or detest them often depends on their connotation for us, and we react to them emotionally as we react to colors. The mechanical chug of a power mower conjures up, for the city man, beckoning vistas of rolling lawns and the sweet smell of cut grass. To the suburban handyman, the insistent put-put is a noisy reminder of Saturday morning chores.

No one minds the noises he makes himself. (What writer ever complained of the clatter of his own typewriter?) And we are relatively forbearing of noise made by members of our own family. But we can't stand other people's noises—which no doubt accounts for the high ratio of protests from apartment dwellers.

Sound is mysterious. Living in an apartment, we hear distinctly the click of our neighbor's key in his front door. We hear the first steps he takes into his own foyer. After that, silence—until the next time he comes home. What has happened?

We dial the number of the friend living in the apartment above us. We hear her footsteps as she hurries to answer the telephone directly over our head. But we have not heard it ring. Yet when she is in her kitchen, which is directly over ours, we can make out almost every word she is saying to her cat.

Visiting a house in the country, we linger for a bit in a glass-walled gallery between wings to have a chat with our host. He talks in normal tones, yet we have to ask him to repeat every third sentence. How can we go deaf so suddenly? (For clues to these mysteries, turn to page 193.)

Almost as mysterious is the aural "feel" that distinguishes individual rooms. In one, you are intimidated by the oppressive, unnatural hush. In another, you feel relaxed, reassured. In the empty rooms of an empty house, you are disconcerted by the eerie racket set up by every footfall, every click of a light switch. Yet within the limits of comfort, a variation of aural "feel" from one room to another can be as delightful as a variation of space or light or color.

Drifting through our houses today, however, are more and more unwanted sounds, and at the same time our houses have become more vulnerable to them. Not only the jerry-builts, but the sturdiest houses put up in the past twenty years have tended to be of lighter-weight construction, more transparent, more open in plan with sleeker, harder interior surfaces. Furniture, too, has become slimmer, trimmer—nothing to compare with the voluptuously overstuffed chairs and sofas of half a century ago. Even our taste in antiques has switched from the massive to the delicately elegant. None of this puts up much of a defense against racket.

Possibly our ears have become more vulnerable, too. Surely audiophiles who have been buying and comparing higher- and higher- and higher-fidelity components are likely to be more sensitive to all kinds of sound.

In any case, there is more than one good reason to think about remodeling our aural environment. But before rushing headlong into a program of sound conditioning, it would be wise to ponder a few basic acoustical facts:

There is no magic material, no single cure-all that will hush every unwanted sound in the house, any more than there is a single remedy for ill health. Almost every element of the design, construction and furnishings—visible or invisible—contributes something to sound conditioning, for better or for worse. If you are bothered by a noise, you must be a sleuth. Find out what kind of noise, where does it come from, how does it reach your ears?

There are four kinds of noise, each of which reaches your ear by a different means and calls for a different silencer:

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ANNOYANCE

1 Direct air-borne noise originating in your immediate vicinity.
Silencer: Almost none, short of turning down the radio, shushing the child, disconnecting the washing machine.
2 Reflected noise caused by sound waves bouncing back from smooth, hard surfaces to add to the din of the direct noise that started them.
Silencer: Sound-absorbent surfaces that soak up, instead of returning, the waves that strike them.
3 Transmitted noise from outside the room that comes in through walls, floors, ceiling (technically, a type of air-borne noise).
Silencer: Continuous impervious isolating barriers that will block the sound waves, lock the noise in the room where it starts.
4 Structure-borne noise caused by the impact of bumps or footfalls or the vibration of a machine, all of which turn floors, walls, ducts and conduits into sounding boards or sound conductors.
Silencer: Resilient cushions or connections to serve as buffers between the impact or vibration and the building itself.

If there is a chink in the wall, noise will find it. The key word in the prescription for silencing transmitted noise is *continuous*. A sound barrier that stops short of ceiling or floor is no barrier at all. Even a 12-inch wall of solid brick will be no more effective than the door in it—and the tightness with which the door fits its frame.

Narrow passageways behave like megaphones. So do walled courtyards. Any noise that goes in one end will come out the other seeming louder.

Every sound has a specific pitch—the nonmusical as well as the musical. By and large, high-pitched noise is more of an annoyance than low-pitched, but it is also easier to control. That is why, from the TV set going full blast next door, you are more apt to hear the commercial announcement than Joan Sutherland's "Bell Song"—and why the orchestra seems to be made up entirely of drums and double basses.

Background noise is not to be disparaged. Your ear gets comfortably accustomed to more or less constant sounds of low intensity—the distant rumble of traffic, the twittering of birds, the gush of flowing water—so other noises have to be louder before they become annoying. Hence the paradox: You need a stouter barrier to block the transmission of sound between rooms in a quiet country town than in a noisy metropolis. This same principle is behind what the experts have unfortunately tagged "acoustical perfume"—pleasant sounds intentionally introduced to mask others less welcome. Fountains, wind chimes, background music (not meant to be listened to, hence distasteful to music lovers) and the new electronic sound makers that simulate soothing noises such as rain on the roof—all these aural delights qualify as noise maskers.

People are very good sound absorbers—a fact which is not as helpful as it might be if people always sat still and kept their mouths shut.

Quiet is relative. Since absolute silence is of the grave, there is no point in trying to stifle all the sounds of a lively household. A sensible sound-conditioning program is selective, aimed at muffling the most disturbing specific noises, plus decreasing some of the total sound reflection *within* rooms and some of the total sound transmission *between* rooms. Without doubt, even partial sound conditioning would make your house considerably quieter than it is today. On the next six pages you will find some of the specific ways and means.

Materials required for silencing sound

TYPE OF SOUND	SILENCER MATERIAL MUST BE
Reflected	Soft, fibrous, absorbent
Transmitted	Heavy, solid
Structure-borne	Flexible and/or bouncy

Since the materials required to control one type of sound have next to no affect on the others, you have to be quite clear about the specific annoyance you want to eliminate. A combination of two in the same room can be controlled by a combination silencer—for instance, a soft, fibrous, sound-absorbent surface backed up by a heavy, solid barrier to block the transmission of sound to the next room.

There are fashions in sound, just as there are fashions in color. Some noises that titillated our grandfathers' ears are now wholly Out: the pounding of fire horses' feet; the clanging of a trolley-car bell; the cranking of a Model T. Some that were once blithely tolerated because they accompanied happy labor saving—the rumblings of the automatic coal stoker, the dishwasher, the garage-door closer—are not quite so welcome now that we take their miracles for granted. Still In as conversation makers: the whir of the electric toothbrush, the automatic carving knife, the electric manicurist.

Some anti-noise measures are practicable wherever you live

"Take care of the sense," the ugly duchess told Alice. "and the sounds will take care of themselves." Not wholly irrational advice if by "sense" you take her to mean the countless small measures that make up sound control. The omission of only one of them—if it happens to be needed—can spoil the effectiveness of an expensive acoustical project. At the same time, some of the most successful single expedients are the simple, sensible, inexpensive ones you can apply in any house, old or new, or even in a rented apartment. For instance:

There is nothing like a closed window to keep out street noises. The sequel, naturally, is air conditioning, and air conditioners, of course, introduce sound of their own. But their steady whirr builds up the background noise and helps to mask clanks and clatter that are far more disturbing. Some air conditioners are noisier, certainly, than others, but since comparative shopping is not too practicable, your best insurance is to buy a machine with more power than you actually need so that you can operate it at a consistently low setting.

Stop every leak in the sound barriers if you want to keep noise from traveling between rooms or between your neighbor's apartment and yours. Remembering that a hairline crack is an invitation to intruding sound:

- If ceiling moldings and baseboards are even slightly loose, seal with caulking compound.
- Fill any cracks that may have developed between baseboards and floor.
- Seal up the razor-blade slots in the back of wall-recessed medicine cabinets, especially if there is another bathroom belonging to another apartment on the other side of the wall.
- Weather-strip your most important doors—yes, interior doors—to bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, laundry, workshop. If you live in an apartment, by all means weather-strip your front door and service door.

FOUR WAYS TO WEATHERSTRIP A DOOR

Weather stripping must be applied all the way around the door opening. But the biggest crack is usually found at the bottom of a door where any of these methods might be used.



1. Routed groove in bottom of door to receive strip of parafin-treated felt. 2. Half circle of sponge rubber nailed to threshold.



3. Metal clip with rubber strip attached to door to cover crack. 4. Rubber strip applied to door and concealed by wood molding.

Think twice about your furniture arrangements. The closer you are to a wall through which sound penetrates, the more noise you will hear. So try to avoid placing a bed against a wall shared by a bathroom, kitchen or adjoining apartment. Since alarm clocks, radios, upright pianos and music speakers tend to set a nearby wall into vibration, either keep them away from walls and from built-ins attached to walls, or place them next to a wall shared by a room where the sound won't bother anyone.

One noise you can totally banish is the click of the light switch. Unnoticeable perhaps during the day, it can easily waken a sleeper when the background noise is at its 24-hour low. The substitution of silent mercury switches is no more than a handyman's job and well worth the small investment (less than $50 for materials) even to apartment renters. Groaning radiators and whistling faucets may be the result of small worn-out elements in the equipment that are easily replaceable. Have them checked. (If they are due to flaws in the central heating system, you may have to live with them.)

You can blot superfluous sound—reflected sound inside a room—with sound-absorbent furnishings. Rugs, curtains, upholstered furniture are the classic examples. But a room doesn't have to be padded from floor to ceiling and swathed in heavy fabric to be aurally comfortable. Even one with a glass wall, a tile floor and numerous other smooth, hard, sound-reflecting surfaces can be made pleasant by the addition of a few sound absorbers such as:

- Sheer translucent curtains or loosely woven blinds to be kept drawn across glass doors and windows when they are closed.
- A long upholstered banquette, especially in a dining room where there are few upholstered chairs.
- A padded, fabric-covered folding screen, placed against a wall.
- Shelves of books and magazines.

Since the purpose of all sound absorbers is to muffle noise originating within a room (they have little affect on noise coming in or going out), you might suppose they would not be needed in bedrooms or libraries where little noise is ever made. But for reading, writing, sleeping, contemplating, we like the muffled feel of rooms with minimum sound reflection, so there is good psychological reason for furnishing them with a superabundance of sound absorbers. A certain liveliness, however, is stimulating in living rooms and dining rooms where we converse and entertain. In such rooms it is just as well to limit sound absorbency to the least that is needed.

Your only defense against the pounding of heels overhead—or the thump of children's falling blocks on the floor above—is a well-cushioned rug. This alone would suggest carpeting for stairways and any room located directly over a bedroom or part-time guest room. (If you live in an apartment, nothing, repeat nothing, you can do in your own rooms will muffle the noise of footsteps in the apartment above—short of giving your neighbors a rug for Christmas.) To soften noise of typewriter or sewing machine, set on mat of soft rubber or felt.

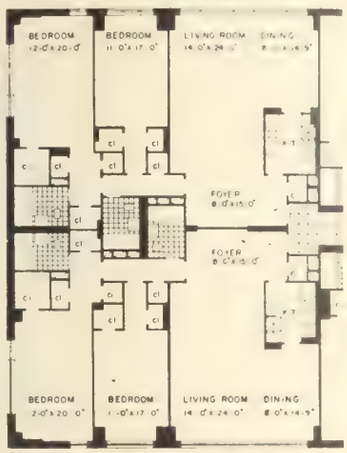
HOW TO FIND A QUIET APARTMENT

1. Investigate the side of the building that does not face the street. Except on very high floors, street-facing rooms are far noisier than those overlooking courts or gardens, and in big cities, the view is often no better, the light, no more abundant.
2. Keep as far as possible away from the elevator.
3. Study the plans for the whole floor and give preference to flop-over plans—paired apartments with living room joining living room, bedrooms backed up to bedrooms, etc. You and your neighbors should at least be making the same kinds of noise at the same time.

4 Look for back-to-back closets between apartments. They are excellent sound barriers if the wall between is of standard thickness.

5 If possible, avoid back-to-back bathrooms. Obviously *im*possible in the case of flop-over plans, and difficult anywhere, but it is a point worth considering since pipes themselves as well as air-exhaust ducts can be noise conductors.

6 Take along an accomplice to help you test a new building. Ask him to visit the adjoining (hopefully empty) apartment and stomp around, shout, sing, bang doors, operate plumbing, etc. Then, judge for yourself how effective the walls are, but don't expect perfection.



These apartments—two of ten on same floor—score three pluses, two minuses. Both are at far end of corridor from elevator, have flop-over plans, back-to-back closets between adjoining bedrooms. The minuses: bathrooms are back to back, too; both apartments face streets.

Minor remodeling can sound condition a noisy house

If you are free to tamper with the walls, floors, ceiling and basic anatomy of your house (or condominium or co-operative apartment), you can achieve an even higher measure of sound control than you can with furnishings and simple repairs. But to "take care of the sense," devise the punishment (sound absorbers, barriers or cushions) to fit the crime (specific noise annoyances). Here are some projects to consider. The most complicated can be executed by an ordinary carpenter or pipe fitter, some are within the scope of a competent handyman.

Muffle reflected noise at its source by applying acoustical tile to the ceilings and possibly the walls of your noisiest rooms (kitchens, laundry, playroom, bathrooms) and speaking-tube hallways. If the rooms are very small (bathrooms, for instance), it will help to extend the tile to adjoining spaces such as dressing rooms and halls. For psychology's sake, you might want to use acoustical surfaces also in quiet rooms like bedrooms and studies. (In bedrooms you can make capital on the sound-absorbent quality of clothes in closets by replacing solid doors with louvered ones—but not, of course, if you are counting on the closets as sound *barriers*.)

Stop the transmission of sound from noisy rooms to the rest of the house by building additional "false" walls. You can do this in the noisy room or the room adjoining, wherever you can spare the 6 inches it will take.

Make sure your doors are as effective sound stoppers as your walls—especially doors separating noisy areas from quiet ones. Solid doors are better than either panel doors or hollow-core flush doors; unweather-stripped doors are worthless.

Block the vertical route of sound by hanging new ceilings in rooms where you are bothered by overhead noise. A suspended ceiling, especially one suspended by resilient mountings, will cut down the impact noise from upstairs. An acoustical ceiling backed up by well-sealed, hard gypsum board will thwart downstairs noise from the basement playrooms, workshops, etc., from traveling upwards.

Hush your heating system by inserting flexible canvas connections between the ducts and the heaters and lining the first few feet of each duct with sound-absorbent material.

Neutralize the sound transmission of plumbing by packing and caulking every spot where a pipe penetrates a wall. If you remodel a bathroom or add a new one, support bathtub and toilet with resilient cushions and pad pipes with felt where hangers are attached.

Erect outdoor barriers to block noise of traffic and neighbors. To be effective, the barrier must be a high solid wall (not a picket fence or planting), as close as possible to noise, and as far as possible from your house.

For a list of noise-control products on the market today, see page 202; for sound-conditioning music rooms, see page 192.

SOUND ABSORBERS

Materials commonly used for interior surfaces arranged in order of their effectiveness in absorbing sound starting with those that reflect the most, absorb the least:

Stainless steel
Glass
Smooth plaster, painted, wallpapered or covered with fabric
Stone, brick or slate
Wood paneling or floors
Vinyl tile
Woven blinds
Cork
Fabric curtains
Quilted fabric
Acoustical tile
Fabric-covered upholstery

SOUND BARRIERS

Wall and floor materials and constructions arranged in order of their effectiveness in stopping the passage of sound, beginning with the least effective:

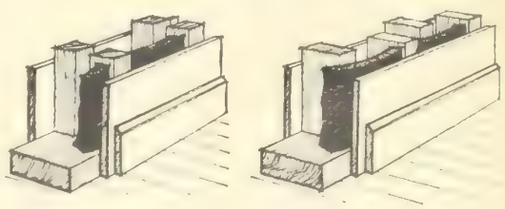
Walls

4-inch porous masonry block
¼-inch plywood on both sides of 2-by-4 studs
¼-inch single glass panes
Double ¼-inch glass with ½-inch air space between
½-inch plasterboard on each side of 2-by-4 studs
Metal lath on 2-by-4 studs finished on both sides with ¾-inch plaster
8 inches of solid brick

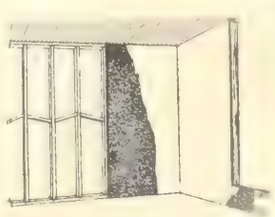
Floors

Finish and rough flooring on beams
Finish and rough flooring on beams with plaster ceiling below
4-inch concrete slab

THREE NOISE-RESISTANT WALL CONSTRUCTIONS



1. Space split 2-by-4 studs, 1 inch apart; insert mineral fiber batt between each pair and the next. 2. Stagger 2-by-4 studs, insert batt.

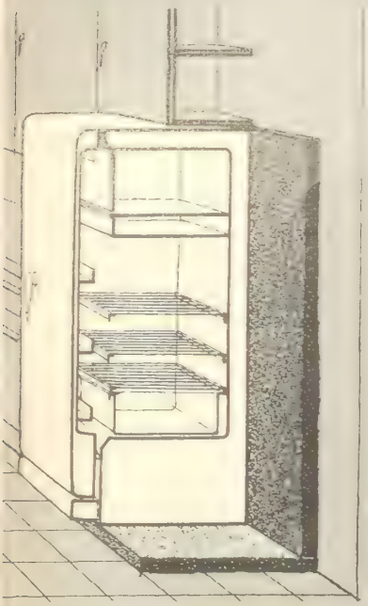


3. Nail layer of fiber-glass sheathing [illegible] ventional studs and cover with plasterboard

How to CONTROL NOISE

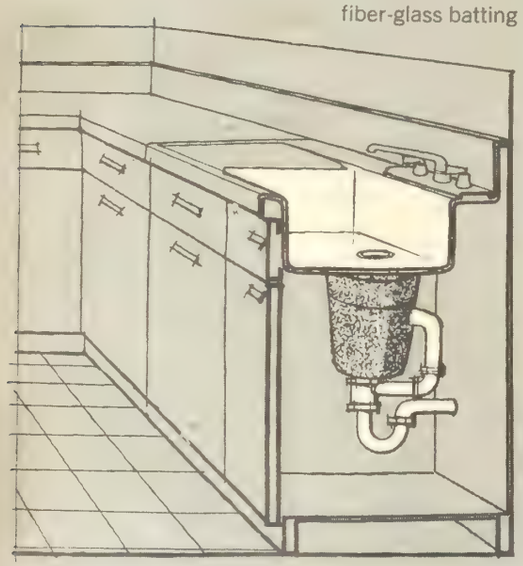


THREE WAYS TO MINIMIZE SOUND OF APPLIANCE MOTORS

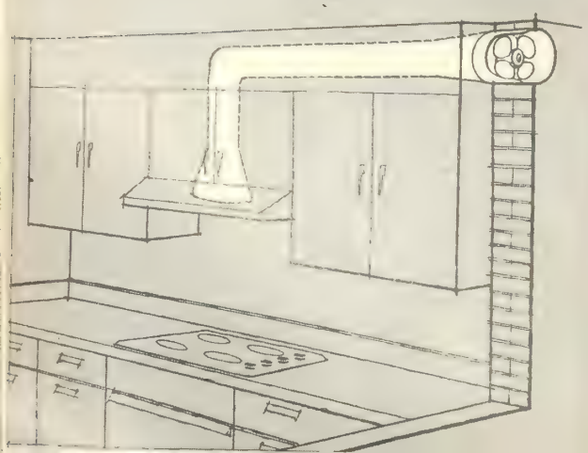


Cushion refrigerators, washers and dishwashers with fiber-glass sheathing on wall behind, rubber mat on floor beneath

Wrap garbage grinder with soft fiber-glass batting



Mount ventilating fan at end of duct running from range hood to outside wall



There are more than 166 electric appliances that you can buy today, and most of them are designed to be used in the kitchen. Operating one at a time, they are tolerable, but when several are going at once, they can produce a din to match that of a small factory. Even so, it is possible to have your labor savers and comparative quiet, too. To prove it, H&G designed a kitchen measuring 10 by 20 feet, which incorporates all the most up-to-date sound conditioners within the limits of standard residential construction. Some measures would involve the remodeling of a kitchen; others could be adapted to any kitchen in any house or even an apartment.

Much of the noise is absorbed by the saw-tooth acoustical ceiling. Saw-tooth design (achieved by running alternate beams from wall to wall 12 inches below the other beams), increases area that can be surfaced with sound-absorbent material—in this case, a 3-inch-thick batt of fiber glass finished with a layer of washable white vinyl. The material comes in 48-inch widths and in lengths up to 16 feet, so there need be no visible joinings to mar the surface. A similar ceiling could be installed in any kitchen high enough for lower edges of lower beams to be at least 7 feet above floor.

Inside walls are designed to inhibit transmission of noise to other parts of the house. Each wall (one shared by dining room, the

IN YOUR KITCHEN



other by living room) is constructed of a double row of staggered studs covered with ½-inch fiber-glass sheathing (see sketch, page 151), and enclosed on each side with ½-inch plasterboard.

An exterior-type solid door of ponderosa pine, fully weather-stripped, stops passage of noise back and forth between the kitchen and the adjoining laundry room. In the opposite wall, a swinging door of similar construction, but edged with felt, keeps kitchen noises out of dining room.

A new cushioned-backed, sheet vinyl floor covering absorbs the impact of footsteps, dropped spoons, bouncing ice cubes.

The major noise-makers are installed against the outside wall. A flexible rubber hose instead of rigid copper tubing connects the dishwasher to the plumbing lines and both dishwasher and built-in refrigerator are muffled by a layer of fiber-glass sheathing on the wall behind and a rubber mat underneath. (Rubber mats, no more than ⅛-inch thick, can also be used under freestanding appliances.) The garbage disposer under the sink is connected with resilient hose and swathed in fiber-glass batting.

Range top and ovens are placed against the inside walls since these appliances have no motors to cause vibration.

Ventilating fan is at outside end of duct that runs from hood over range top to outside wall (rather than at top of hood where motor noise would be more noticeable).

Chopping-block counter insert doubles as center for plug-ins since thick wood reflects less noise of mixers, blenders, juicers.

Steel cabinet doors have laminated core of sound-absorbent material that deadens sound of closing them.

All drawers have nylon runners and stops to soften noise of opening and closing.

Drawers and shelves are lined with adhesive-backed quilted vinyl to deaden clatter.

Cupboards are fitted with plastic-coated racks and pull-out baskets to lessen the noisy necessity of piling plate on plate, pot on pot.

Wide windows are double-curtained in both kitchen and dining area to cut down extra sound reflected by glass.

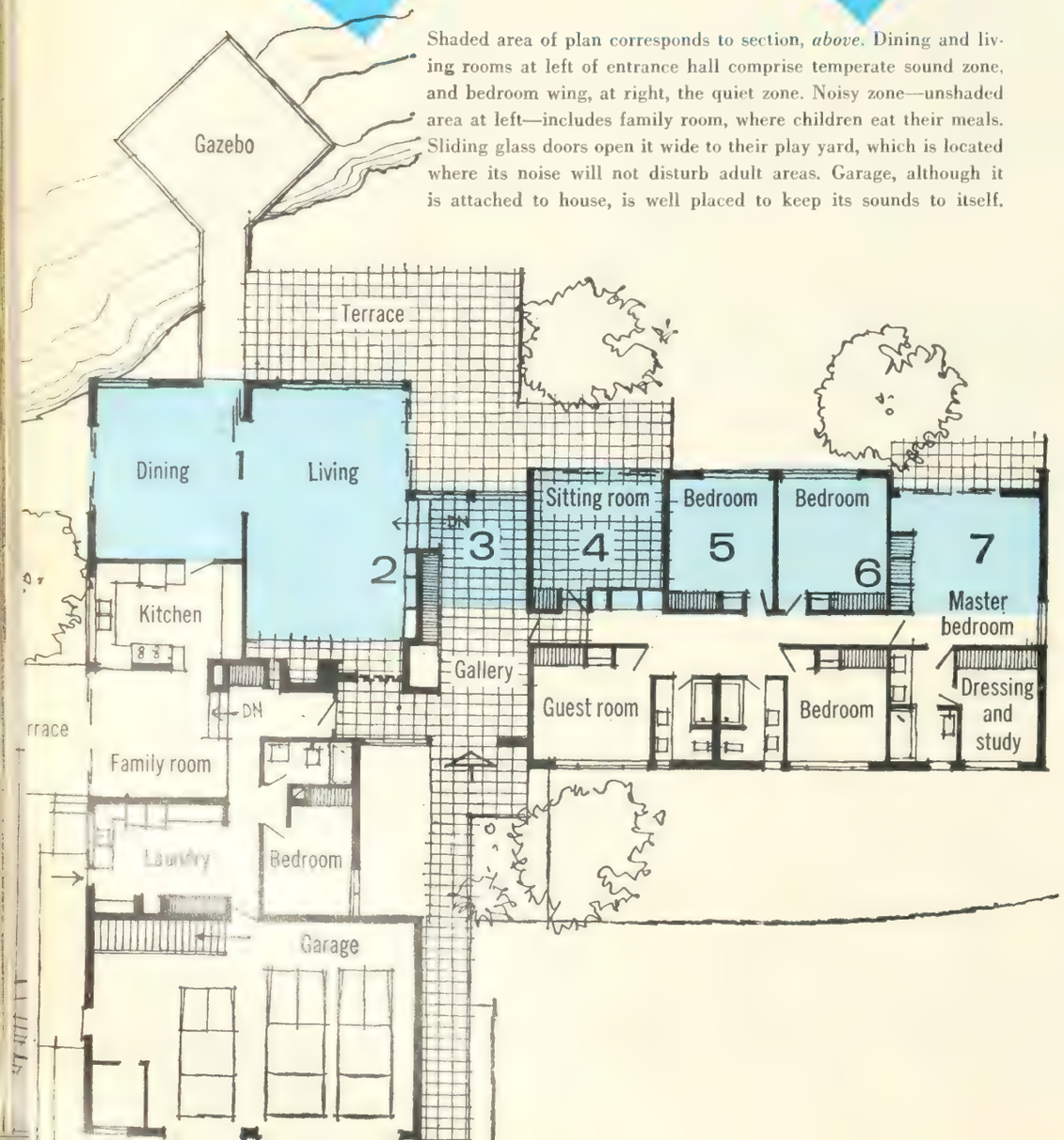
For building specifications, see page 193.

How to plan A SOUND-



DRAWINGS BY CULBERETH

Shaded area of plan corresponds to section, *above*. Dining and living rooms at left of entrance hall comprise temperate sound zone, and bedroom wing, at right, the quiet zone. Noisy zone—unshaded area at left—includes family room, where children eat their meals. Sliding glass doors open it wide to their play yard, which is located where its noise will not disturb adult areas. Garage, although it is attached to house, is well placed to keep its sounds to itself.



Too many houses have noise problems already built into them before the last window is glazed. Remodeling can ameliorate some, but even the most elaborate and costly alterations cannot make up entirely for poor orientation toward traffic and play areas, or a poor relationship indoors between noisy rooms and quiet ones. A quiet house starts with a quiet plan. This one designed by Coder Taylor Associates for a couple with four young children in Lake Forest, Ill., is an excellent example.

The family were quite specific about the kind of house they had in mind. They wanted a fairly open main living area with higher-than-average ceilings and ceiling-to-floor sliding glass doors. They wanted some hardwood floors, some paved with slate and walls of smooth plaster that would provide a neutral background for paintings. They were not partial to heavy curtains, large areas of carpet or an abundance of upholstered furniture. But they wanted quiet. And the house is designed to give them as much of that as any family with four daughters ranging from 3 to 15 could reasonably hope to have.

CONDITIONED HOUSE



The sound conditioning starts with the division of the plan into three zones: A noisy zone including garage, laundry room and family room-kitchen (separated only by a counter-high divider); a temperate zone—living and dining rooms; a quiet zone for studying and sleeping. And between each zone and the next are buffer areas that give escaping sound extra distance to travel.

As you walk through the front door into the slate-paved entrance hall, you get an impression of openness, partly due to the wall-to-wall glass doors at the opposite end, partly to the ceiling-high openings between hall and living room and living and dining rooms. But the dining room, while the table is being set and cleared, can be closed off entirely by wood doors (arrow 1, *above left*) that slide back into pockets in the wall. Two other doors in key spots where they serve to keep noise firmly in its place are the doors leading from the entrance hall to the family room-kitchen compound and the one between the entrance hall and the bedroom wing.

Knowing when they designed the house that the living and dining rooms were to have only area rugs and the sheerest of curtains, the architects carefully calculated the amount of sound-absorbent materials needed to make these rooms comfortable. And exactly that amount they added in the form of fissured acoustical tiles that compose large panels centered in the two ceilings. The laundry, family room-kitchen and all the bathrooms also have acoustical tile ceilings.

Although there is no door to close the living room from the hall, there is a very firm sound barrier (arrow 2) directly opposite the door to the bedroom wing. This noise barrier consists of a coat closet on the hall side, backed up by bookshelves on the living room side. The entrance hall itself (arrow 3) is a buffer between the temperate zone and the quiet zone, and the sitting room (arrow 4), where the children do their studying after school, provides an extra buffer between their bedrooms and the talking and music in the living room on party nights.

The child's room (arrow 5) next to the sitting room is identical with the bedroom beyond it, but the two are arranged flop-over fashion so that in each room the most logical placement for the bed is also the one that assures maximum quiet for the sleeper—i.e., against the wall *not* shared by the other room. All four of the bedrooms flanking the carpeted hallway have sound-stopping closets on the hall side, and another closet (arrow 6) protects the quiet of the parents' bedroom.

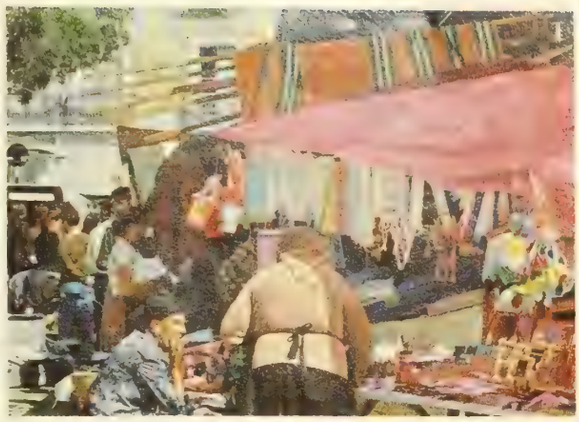
The parents' suite, as it should be in a sound-conditioned house, is located as far as possible from garage and kitchen noises, and the bedroom (arrow 7) is designed so that the bed may be placed against a super-quiet exterior wall. From the bathroom, a door leads to the most secluded sanctum in the house—father's study. But distance and sound barriers do not mean isolation of parents and children, for this sound-conditioned house is equipped with the most effective device there is for ruling out household shouting and scurrying—an intercom system.



Even the sheer curtains that cover dining room window walls in winter, *below*, are drawn back in summer, *above*, but panels of acoustical tile in ceilings of both dining and living rooms compensate for "liveliness" created by large glass areas and uncovered expanses of floor. The rug under the piano controls some of the undesirable reverberations.

















ALL PHOTOGRAPHS BY GUERRERO, OTIS



On all sides you see evidence of a felicitous gift for color and design. **1** Outdoor markets: kaleidoscopic delights for the eye and sources for the most unexpected treasures. **2** Spirited play of patterns in the hall of Fronteira Palace: decorated tiles, marble balustrades, faux marbre walls in candy colors, a scrolled and painted ceiling. **3** Plaid carpet of colored foliage plants in a public park in Pôrto. **4** Sardonic seventeenth-century cats peering from *azulejos* (tiles). **5** Decorative ropes and tassels in front of a harness shop in Loulé. **6** Chorus of faïence frogs spouting thistles and nasturtiums on a supper table set with a genial medley of patterns in the Queluz house of Dr. and Mrs. Jorge Mineiro. **7** Plants, panels of antique *azulejos* around the Mineiros' door. *Opposite page:* Ceiling in tones of gray and white forms a subtle harmony with the warm beiges and browns of old leather and polished wood in the serene and light-filled library in the palace owned by the Marques of Fronteira.

Going places, finding things in PORTUGAL

by Denise Otis

A delight and a dilemma, Portugal is so full of wonderful things you will never have time enough to relish them all. There are fine wines to drink, interesting foods to eat, beaches to bask on, songs, dances, sports. Above all, there are countless things to inspire you with new ideas, things created in happy partnership by Nature and the Portuguese whose fanciful imagination blends order and ornament, humor and p[illegible]

PORTUGAL: Savory color schemes, effervescent patterns

For the eye and spirit, Portugal holds "infinite riches in a little room." It offers a landscape of many moods, an impressive architectural heritage from a long and creative history; enchanting gardens, ordered and ornate or improvised and unaffected; and a multitude of flourishing arts and crafts. It also offers the charm of the unexpected and the challenge of discovery. Towns and cities are perched on hills or tucked into valleys. Mazes of winding streets widen without warning into delightful squares or open into unexpected vistas, making every walk an adventure. Many of the most fascinating products of Portuguese craftsmanship take searching out, and that in itself is a pleasant occupation, since the Portuguese are extraordinarily welcoming and helpful to the appreciative traveler. Every search is so blessed with serendipities that it doesn't really matter whether or not you find what you started out to look for.

My Canadian Pacific flight to Portugal was itself a *trouvaille*. Because I had to be in the Middle West on business and remembered how convenient it had always been to go from there to Montreal to sail to Europe, I decided to look into the possibility of flying from Montreal. I couldn't have found a better schedule: The Canadian Pacific jet took off at 11:00 in the evening, giving me time for dinner at the airport. After a relaxing nightcap on board, I slept soundly, waking up in time to finish a delicious and fortifying breakfast just as Lisbon came glittering into view beneath us. It was a little after 10 A.M. Lisbon time, and I was able to slip right into the rhythm of Portugal without the muddling feeling that the times were out of joint which usually mars your first few days abroad in the jet age. I appreciated this bonus more and more as I began to explore the achievements of the creative and industrious Portuguese, so various that any attempt to catalogue them can only be partial and personal.

The Portuguese have a sense of color and design that is sometimes unorthodox, often fantastic, but always lively. They have a long tradition of fine craftsmanship and a real delight in it. And they have a style of their own, a way of taking ideas and influences—Moorish or Indian, French or Italian, Gothic or Baroque or Victorian and giving them a fresh, original and unmistakably Portuguese interpretation. Portuguese style may be expressed in simple lines, fine detailing and subtle harmonies. But in the simplicity there is always a lilt to the lines, or a touch of drama or of fantasy.

For really complicated designs, the Portuguese have a special talent. Their crafts offer an array of richly patterned surfaces: decorated tiles or *azulejos*, embroideries, rugs, pottery, filigree gold, elaborately chiseled and *repoussé* silver. So do their gardens and buildings and towns where even streets and sidewalks are marvels of stone mosaic. And they pile pattern on pattern with a free and felicitous hand: two or three tile designs on the front of a house or patterned plates on patterned tablecloths. Contrapuntal plays of pattern seem to come so naturally to the Portuguese that one is not always sure when they have been planned, when they are happy accidents and when they are a combination of both: Art improving on Chance or Chance improving on Art.

The profusion of flowers, springing from curbs or spilling over walls and windows, that everywhere adds grace notes of color would seem to owe more to Nature than to Art. Nature does provide the countryside with wild flowers, but usually their air of spontaneity is due not to lack of cultivation, but to the unexpected places the Portuguese choose to cultivate. They will turn any available *(Continued)*

Inspired and inspiring are the mixtures of patterns and colors that distinctively characterize Portuguese decorating.

1 A dazzling variety of designs in *azulejos*, both abstract and pictorial (this detail includes only a few), fuse to form a crisp and glossy blue-and-white tapestry on the wall of a terrace at Fronteira Palace. This splendid example of Portuguese dexterity in creating concord from complex patterns frames classic deities in marble and terracotta busts circled with Della Robbia-style wreaths.

2 Exquisite hand-embroidery is an easy-to-find luxury in Portugal. Each region has its own style and technique. Natural linen bedspreads heavily worked in silk (it takes three months to make one) are the specialty of Castelo Branco. One of these sumptuous spreads was Portugal's wedding gift to the Queen of England.

3 Elaborately painted walls and an imitable orchestration of opulent color distinguish a drawing room in Fronteira Palace. The soft hues of olive, gold, mauve rose and blue accented with the clarion red of the officer's coat in the eighteenth-century portrait demonstrate the sophisticated color sense that gives an added dimension to Portuguese design.

4 Motifs painted on the panels of a farmer's parti-colored cart in the southern, sunny province of the Algarve are reminiscent of hex signs on Pennsylvania Dutch barns. The patient horse has his own panache: an intricately carved yoke.

5 Many-hued fishing boats throng the beach at Nazaré. As befits a nation notable for seafaring, each major river and each fishing village has its own characteristic boat design and style of decoration, some of them very ornate.

6 In Guimarães you can see at one glance two variations on a Baroque theme: two eighteenth-century churches that share a style of lighthearted elegance. One church is faced with gleaming blue-and-white tiles, the other with pristine whitewash. Both are garnished with corners, cornices, portals and pediments of richly wrought granite.

7 *Azulejos* scrolled with arabesques of blue and yellow in a window embrasure are overlaid with a lacy shifting mantle of sun and shadow cast by the wooden window lattice: a transitory touch of Nature perfecting the accomplishment of Art in a museum in Beja.






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PORTUGAL: Entrancing gardens, decorative diversity

bit of land, no matter how unpromising, into a garden, and if there is no available land, put the garden in pots and hang it on the front of the house. The prevalence of gardens was for me the most immediate and endearing of all the attractions of Lisbon.

Lisbon's gardens come in all sizes, shapes and sorts: parks with shaven lawns and stylized flower beds; seemingly natural stretches of woodland; tiny formal squares; unexpected openings in walls of buildings with tree-shaded benches placed to catch the view; pots of geraniums clustered around a tree; two trees and a scrap of lawn gracing a triangle between two streetcar tracks; tantalizing glimpses of trees over high walls indicating the presence of secluded private gardens. Everyone has his favorites: among mine were: the Estufa Fria, an enormous lath house, planted with a jungle of tender plants and webbed with streams and waterfalls and wandering paths, cool and fresh even on the hottest, dustiest summer day; the serene oasis of green lawn sheltered in the ruined, ivy-clad Gothic walls of the Carmo Convent that lost its roof in the earthquake of 1755; the ancient Castle of São Jorge, perched on the highest of Lisbon's hills, with its ruined ramparts of golden stone, its maze of tree-filled courts, secluded crannies and open terraces, its magnificent views of harbor and city, and its population of black and white birds; and, to close the list, an enchanting glade in the elegant Estrela Gardens, enclosing what only the Portuguese would think of—a marble statue of a *(Continued on page 194)*

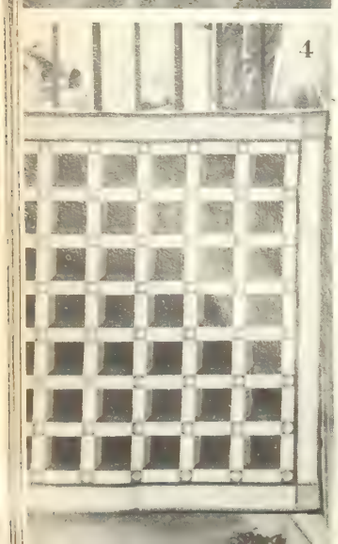




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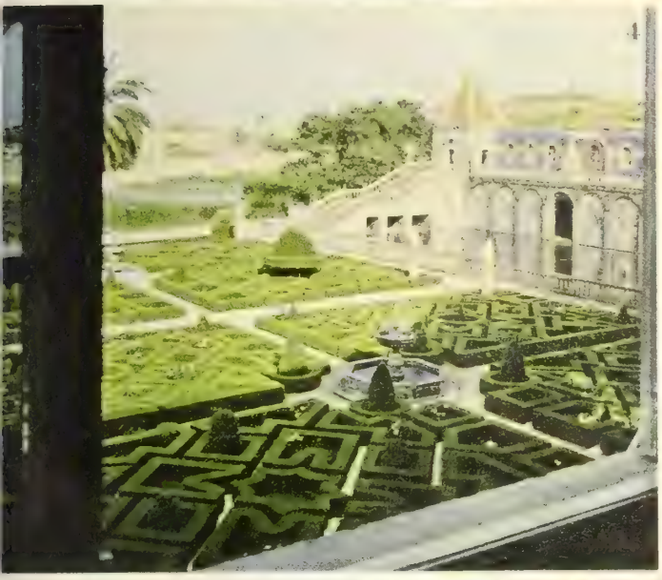
Among a rich variety of lively designs are charming arrangements of plants, flowers.
Opposite page: **1** Heathery pink flowers cascading down a lichen-covered wall with a carved and painted wood door.
2 Tufts of dianthus distributed with seeming artlessness among the paving stones of a terrace designed by José Pulido Garcia for Mr. and Mrs. Van Kleffens.
3 A detail of the carved stone ceiling and tiled walls in the Manueline cloister of the Madre de Deus church in Lisbon.
4 Clipped-box parterre laid carpetlike before the great water tank that is so characteristic an ornament of Portuguese gardens. At Fronteira the tank is backed by a pavilioned, terraced wall covered with truly oriental splendor in blue, white and iridescent bronze tile.
5 Touch of grace for a garden wall: flower-filled niche ringed in delicately carved stone at the Quinta de Manique.
6 Fountain wreathed in flowering plants in the main square of Viana do Castelo.
7 Glittering interior, a gilded fretwork of chiseled wood in the eighteenth-century chapel of S. Antonio in Lagos.
8 Parade of snowy peacocks mustered at sunset on the ramparts of the Castelo São Jorge overlooking the Lisbon harbor.
9 Among the glories of Portuguese architecture: ceilings, painted, beamed, carved or coffered like the elaborate wooden one in the dining room of the Marques of Casteja's Quinta de Manique.

Left: **1** Grapevines trained high on trellises to canopy the terrace of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Gaivão's country house.
2 Plant bed carved in granite to echo the granite cornice on the Solar Mateus near Vila Real—an example of the sensitive detailing and craftsmanship that distinguish northern Baroque houses.
3 Ivy forced to forgo its rambling ways and strictly confined inside stone borders on the garden gate at the Gaivãos'.
4 Rug designed by Jacques Yssel Muiden, a contemporary version of a flourishing Portuguese craft. You can also choose from a bewildering variety of traditional patterns or reproductions of antique rugs.
5 In the Jorge Mineiros' Queluz house a fireplace big enough to sit in, the focus of a cozy sitting room decorated with *azulejos* and country antiques.
6 Filigree chimney tops—a Moorish touch in villages all over southern Portugal.
For Portuguese party ideas, turn the page.









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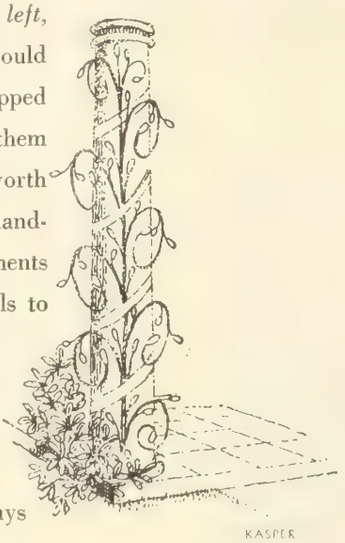
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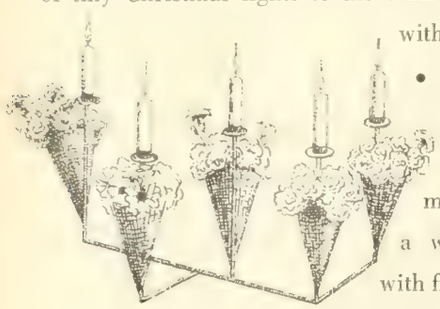
Piquant ideas for parties

Portugal is a paradise for an enthusiastic collector of party ideas. Festivals and celebrations are frequent and colorful, and everyday experience overflows with fresh inspiration for combining and arranging flowers, for menus and table settings, for ways to decorate the garden or the house, for preparing and serving food. • The dandelion bursts of light, *left,* were borrowed from a fair in Pôrto. You could simulate them by welding together bulb-tipped wire-carrying metal tubes and attaching them to poles. Not a job for a novice, but worth the effort because the lights would be handsome enough to keep as permanent garden ornaments after the party is over. • Light-starred tendrils to garland a terrace, *right,* also inspired by festival lighting, could easily be formed from coat-hanger wire. Tape strings of tiny Christmas lights to the curlicues, then wrap them with colored paper.

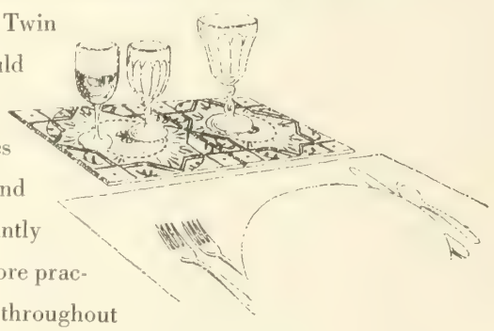




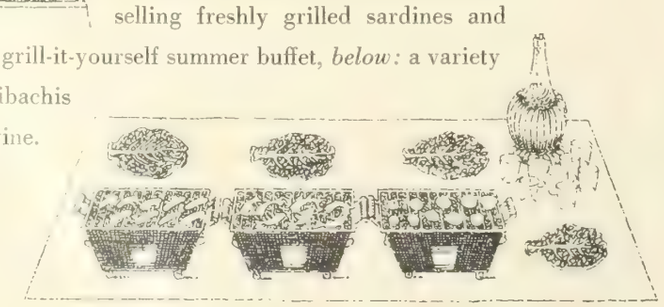
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• Flower vendors' displays prompted the spectacular party centerpiece, *left.* To make it, wire metal cones from a florist's supply house to a wrought-iron candelabrum, then fill them with flowers. • Twin felt-back tiles would make good substitutes for the made-to-order mats, *right,* that Mrs. Jorge Mineiro provides for the glasses at each place setting—pretty and practical protection for a fine table. • A pleasantly decorative Portuguese custom that should be more practiced here: place plates that stay on the table throughout the meal. • A balustrade of mixed bouquets modeled on arrangements seen in Portuguese churches, *left,* would add an extra fillip of color and pattern to a table decked with a striped and flowered cloth. • For charming ornamental touches: the easy-to-copy painted tin bobêches, shaped like leaves or flowers or stars. • Street stands selling freshly grilled sardines and sausages on feast days suggested a grill-it-yourself summer buffet, *below:* a variety of fish and meats on a row of hibachis and a large carafe of good red wine.







This bountiful source of exuberant design offers innumerable other festive ideas that might be copied or adapted to party practices. For instance:

1 Imaginative mixtures of flowers tied in tight bouquets are one of the rewards of wandering in markets where they're sold. Exploring churches, you find such bouquets sprucely arrayed in rows of identical vases banking altars and shrines.

2 Fortunately festivals are frequent in Portugal, for the festival decorations are an inexhaustible mine of ideas for using banners, flowers, paper and lights. A particularly elegant example: the airy, light-studded arches of painted wood and paper-wrapped wire spanning the ancient bridge at Amarante.

3 Jars of lavender, appealingly infiltrated by pink geraniums, flank the entrance to the terrace of the Pousada Santa Luzia in Elvas. Another variation of this pleasing (and copyable) predilection for pink flowers and gray-green foliage: beds of pink roses bordered with santolina.

4 A basket of rosebuds bunched in ruffs of shiny laurel is pretty enough to seize as is for the center of the table. Background bonus: the chance coalition of patterned sidewalk and patterned aprons over the flower-seller's skirt.

5 Pots of plump dwarf basil, each plumed with a pair of red carnations, are the traditional decoration for the feast of St. Anthony. Mrs. Jorge Mineiro uses them to ornament a stone table set for a garden lunch with pewter service plates, blue-and-white Alcobaça pottery, green glass and blue plaid napkins.

6 Pattern-happy setting for an informal table: black-and-white polka-dot cloth scarfed with uncut bandannas, napkins of bandannas in a different design, red lacquer service plates, reproductions of eighteenth-century blue-and-white bowls from Coimbra, milk-glass water goblets, red, white and blue flowers tucked at random in a basket of glossy green leaves.

7 The clusters of green tin cones that proffer blossoms in the Lisbon markets suggest a dozen ways to decorate with flowers: For an alfresco fête, consider such possibilities as grouping flower-filled cones on a terrace wall, fixing them to the pole of a garden umbrella, hanging them at either side of the front door or even nailing them to trees. Many of the objects on these pages will be shown with other samples of Portuguese craftsmanship in the presentation "Country Living Unlimited—Portugal" at Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C., this month.















design for summer living

Currently on view at the Pasadena Art Museum is that institution's enterprising triennial showing of jury-selected "implements of living" by California designers or artist-craftsmen. From this year's exhibit, titled "California Design/Nine," H&G has chosen a mixed company of furnishings that share a singular and summery talent for going out of doors—some of them, true, only to a covered porch, but others as far as the swimming pool. A few are one of a kind, but most are available in quantity. All of them, many in H&G Colors, may be seen tagged California Design/Nine and purchased at Macy's Herald Square, New York City, after May 1.



Leading the parade, and a wonderful welcomer: **1** A Panelcarve door of redwood modules which, by fitting tongues into grooves, you assemble yourself. By Sherrill Broudy for Era. $419. **2** Handwoven curtain fabric with a deep, intricate, subtly shaded border. By Maria Kipp. $32 a yard. **3** A pixy of a stove of porcelainized metal with a horseshoe "fire dog." By Gerald Jonas for Fire Drum Co. $219. **4** Park bench-inspired chair and ottoman of enameled metal with plastic slats in H&G's Tiger Lily and Pistachio. By Arthur Ellsworth and Robert Fujioka of Design West (Schwayder Bros.). Chair, $29.95, ottoman, $14.95. **5** Silk-screened linen panel of eagles, rampant and noble. By William Curry of Design Line. $49.95. **6** Woven blind of wood slats and chenille yarns in H&G's Red Apple—breezy pick-me-up for a tired piazza. From Webb Textiles, about $5 a square foot. **7** Plastic light column, wood-based and a midsummer's night dream anywhere. By Ben Gurule. **8** Rug of great panache made of felt loops, lush as polar bear's fur, in H&G's Blueberry and Bristol Blues, Purple Iris and a flock of greens. By Philipp Yost for Savnik. 6 by 9 feet, $450. **9** Glazed earthenware goblets by



L. C. Spaulding for Taylor & NG Pottery. Morning Glory, $12.50, Tulip, $5. **10** Iridescent crystal ware by Dorothy C. Thorpe. $3.99 to $8.99 e[illegible]. **11** Non-tottering-type rattan "throne" chair, snug as a glove. By Danny Ho Fong for Tropi-Cal. $119. **12** Expandi[illegible] cart with plastic top that parts in the middle and extends like wings (one leaf, it [illegible] fold- down. Wheels take it poolside or up the garden path. By John Kapel for Glenn of Calif. $234. **13** Lalligag lounge of chrome with vinyl-upholstered slats in H&G's Pastel Citron, Mimosa and Curry. By Gerald McCabe for Condi (Pacific Furniture). $369. **14** Plump (in a dashing way) chrome-based lounge chair upholstered in [illegible]her in H&G's Red Apple. By Stewart MacDougall for Carson Johnson. $599. **15** Teak table that extends to an elegant oval, its pedestal as slick a piece of design in two parts as one. By Jerry McCabe for Glenn of Calif. $399. **16** Expanding coffee table that parts company to reveal a slate-like plastic midriff. By John Keal for Brown-Saltman. $199. **17** Ceramic bottles, gay as gadflies, by James Lovera. Smooth and red. $18.50. Yellow and textured, $38. **18** "Kangaroo" chair (no pouch, though) of wood and plastic. You buy it in a package, put it together yourself. By Doug Heaslett for Brown-Saltman. $29.95. **19** Stoneware artichokes with [illegible]ish look and an unbe[illegible] for crowning a table setting. By Carol McPhee. $150. **20** Marvelously lightweight bench of molded fiber glass, just slightly resilient and a poolside paragon. By Douglas Deeds for Architectural Pottery. $249. **21** "Z" chair, beautifully canti levered, indoor-outdoo[illegible] in chrome and leathe[illegible] Tuttle for Carson J[illegible]



TOM LEONARD



From the upper edge of Mrs. Miller's garden, the view descends a flowering hillside, *right*, crosses a small patio, vaults the connecting roofs of the one-story house, swings out through tall sugar-gum trees and across the Pacific to Catalina Island, lost in the offshore haze. Knowlton Fernald Jr., was the architect who conquered this steep canyon-side.

In a great gardener's great garden

EVERY PLANT IS KING

Individual plants, separately and collectively, enjoy their greatest measure of respect, often of success, in a true gardener's garden. There each plant is king, being accommodated, cosseted, admired and, if necessary, cajoled into a position of pre-eminence among its kind. In Mrs. Hortense Miller's garden at Laguna Beach, Calif., every plant appears to play a more important part than every other while contributing an equal share to the total effect. What sustains this seeming paradox, of course, is the ease and grace with which Mrs. Miller brings out the best in each clump and crown, root and branch, bud and leaf. Hers is an intensely personal garden, just as her house is a completely personal house—although the plants in the one and the furnishings and artifacts in the other reflect not only California, but many far places of the world.

This portrait of horticultural excellence that settles so well into our gallery of great American gardens owes much (or is it the other way around?) to the extraordinary terrain of which it is a part. The site, of less than three acres, appears much more extensive because it is all but vertical, climbing the easterly rim of a steep canyon above Laguna Beach. The house itself extends, in two closely connected units, along the principal shelf *(above)*, opening on the westward side to the Pacific and on the landward side upon an irregular patio, *opposite page*, and the precipitous canyon wall. Around and about among the galleries, porches, terraces, walks and switchbacks above and below, Mrs. Miller spreads her astonishing gardens. From every room in her house (and most of them have floor-to-ceiling glass, including the aviary which is headquarters for a pair of magnificent white cockatoos), the outside prospect is unimpeded. Even three walls of the kitchen above the counters are of plate glass (heat-proof behind the stove top) so that some glimpse of plants, whether simply or intricately arranged, will be always in view—and therefore within the range of Mrs. Miller's lively contemplation. As with all good gardens, the details are constantly changing—but the basic spirit, never. On the next two pages, as well as on pages 208 and 209, are further manifestations of the owner's skilled hand and perceptive

The sun rises behind the blue spires of echium on the canyon rim, *opposite page*, and spends the rest of the day, from midforenoon on, basking against this richly planted bank above the graveled patio. Ample redwood rounds ascend to the summerhouse, for which Mrs. Miller painted bold panels symbolizing earth, sea and sky. Korean grass carpets the slope below redwood retaining timbers, lavender ice-plants to the right. Among the numberless plants within view, blue marguerites provide central color, with a large California holly to their left, a glossy mirror-plant to the right. Orange bougainvillea trails from the edge of the house (upper left), while ophiopogon and many succulents, including a brilliant kleinia (bluefingers) border

Separate gardens extend every part of the house

Every room is a garden room in this house. The concrete terrace beyond the kitchen door, *above*, terminates at the back wall of the storage shed on which Mrs. Miller, a former art teacher, has painted a brilliantly stylized interpretation of her favorite theme, earth, sea and sky (this time with sun and moon added)—which she says she is always changing and surely will never finish. Dazzling begonias fill the center bed. Two old-time roses, 'Cecile Brunner,' (in foreground) and 'Belle of Portugal,' clamber overhead. Beyond the pierced wall stands a dramatic "succulent tree," *right*, that plantsman Donald Estep created as a unique focal point for the area beside driveway and entrance court.

TOM LEONARD









Each morning Mrs. Miller wakes to raise her push-button bed, *left*, and look up the canyon, with its incredible array of succulents and ice-plants on the near slope. Her bathroom, *above*, has its own Miller mural. From there she can look through a huge window into one end of a court enclosed by translucent panels. Ferns, begonias and a hanging epiphyllum dominate this garden, with segmented pilasters of sphagnum moss planted with dwarf succulents and crowned by a staghorn fern for a lovely grace note. A glass door opens into the other end of the court, *right*, highlighted by bougainvillea overhead, a star-jasmine and an enormous 'Richland' begonia. For more details see page 208.



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Cartonnage

The art of making paper decorations

An old and decorative art from France has recently been revived to provide new excitement for party tables. The French originators practiced this craft with the utmost seriousness. In the days of the lavish Louis (XIII through XVI), when opulence reached its glory, great groaning boards were often crowned with the most elaborate improvisations imaginable, made of paper or cardboard. Sometimes the centerpieces were designed like temples of love with domed roofs and elaborate fluted columns painted to resemble marble and landscaped with living miniature trees and plants. And to set inside these paper extravaganzas, sculptors often made exquisite miniature Venuses of bronze. Our tastes may be simpler, but the cartonnage technique can be adapted to charming and original decorations wholly in keeping with our party tables.

Cartonnage is easy and fun to do and offers unlimited scope for your imagination. You can create any number of table-setting ensembles such as that on the supper table, *opposite page, top*—place mats, candlesticks, compotes, cigarette holders and napkin rings to complement the colors and decorations of your china, silver and crystal. Each set will last through at least a dozen parties. You can also produce fantastic or whimsical centerpieces like the turreted fortress on the children's party table, *opposite page, bottom*.

To use as bases for your cartonnage, you will find excellent possibilities in your kitchen cupboard: boxes, cereal boxes, empty cans, salt boxes, paper-towel rollers, paper cups—or you can buy Styrofoam forms in the Five and Ten. And to cover them, you will find an endless variety of colored and patterned papers in art supply stores and gift shops. For applying the paper to cardboard, white glue is the best. Thin it slightly with water so that it will brush on easily. Cut the papers as close as possible to the dimensions of the surfaces you are covering. Brush glue on the surface as well as on the back of the paper and allow two or three minutes for it to set. Then press paper to surface and you will find they are bonded like iron. For some pointers on shopping for materials, turn to page 190.

How to make the gold braid accessories

Sheets of heavy cardboard, 12 by 18 inches, make the bases of the table mats. Cover them with marbleized paper, edge with gold braid, and spray with a protective coat of clear liquid plastic. For the cigarette cups, collect small tin cans of the size used for Vienna sausage, pimiento, mushrooms, *et al.* After washing them inside and out, spray with red paint and finish with velvet ribbon and braid. The ashtrays are glass furniture coasters in cartonnage holders. For the holders, slice tops and bottoms from salt boxes, making them deep enough to conceal the coasters, then paper and trim with braid.

Blocks of Styrofoam, easy to cut with a sharp knife, make the bases for the candleholders and flower urn. From candleholder bases, scoop out holes for the candles, cover Styrofoam with paper, conceal corner seams with gold braid, finish top and bottom edges with folds of velvet ribbon. To make the flower urn, slice an inch or two from the top of two Styrofoam pyramids, invert one over the other and glue together. From the top surface of the upper pyramid, scoop out a depression just deep enough to hold in place a soup can (to be filled with water for the flowers). Cover and trim the whole construction to match the other accessories. The proportions of these accessories can be varied, of course, to suit the size of your table.

How to make the children's fortress

An assortment of boxes—cereal boxes, candy boxes, soap boxes, cosmetic boxes, cotton-ball boxes—can be used for the bases of the main sections of the fortress, and for the towers, mailing tubes and paper-towel tubes topped with paper cups. For roofs, cut and score sheets of cardboard, hinge where necessary with masking tape, and secure to building walls with a dribble of glue. Cover the fortress with gift-wrap papers in a medley of bold colors, adding cut-out strips for crenelations. Finish with dressmaker's braids and tinsel cord and draw details of masonry, shingles, etc. with a felt-tipped pen. Make the tower pennants by gluing pointed scraps of striped ribbons to corsage pins.

The candleholders are mailing tubes stuffed with paper to add weight. Each napkin is girdled with ribbon or Tie-Tie Satintone (self-adhesive when moistened), cut out in crenelated motif.

To go with gold-patterned china and vermeil knives and forks, TOP, *Dean Wells designed an ensemble of cartonnage accessories covered with marbleized paper accented with gold braid. Another set to accompany the same china might be made with plain paper in pinks and oranges finished with colored rickrack. The fortress centerpiece designed by Elizabeth Logan is slated to become a play fortress after the refreshments are consumed, and the escutcheon place cards go home with the guests. Boldly striped papers would make a smashing fortress to go with plainer tableware.*



Carnation-keyed luxury and livability in a miraculous seven square yards →

Flower starred roomlets

Small space can be as challenging as a small budget. But the challenge of meeting both simultaneously—for anyone with the courage to face it—can lead to a double triumph. A good working principle is to concentrate on a single decorative motif: It will open countless doors in the imagination and set useful limits. It can also result in a cohesiveness of design that money-no-object projects often lack. A space-stretching corollary is to extend the decorative scheme, if possible, to an adjoining area. Here are two rooms the size of flower beds—a minimum standard bathroom 5 by 7 feet and a connecting dressing room 5½ feet square—that have been set to blooming like a good housekeeper's garden, tidy and bright, by penny-wise adherence to both principle and corollary.

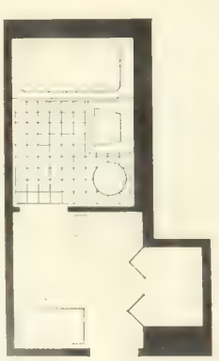
The motif is the carnation—its colors, its scent, its spunky cheerful spirit—and the planning began with the carnation-printed towels. Companion towels were added in solid colors, both the obvious pink of the motif and the stronger red and green. Since stripes are a classic foil for florals—their hard-edged precision keeps the flowers from becoming sentimental, vague or tiresome—both rooms were papered with a red-and-white plastic-coated ticking stripe that produced a tremendous effect in comparison with its modest cost. Inside this snug lining the smallness of the rooms turned into an asset, an atmosphere of personal privacy and warmth.

Even more of a coup, perhaps, was the decision to unite the rooms still more closely by covering both floors with deep pile cotton carpeting in deep carnation red. Cut and bound to fit exactly wall to wall, the carpet is of a quality that will keep its color, pile and fit through frequent washings. The look of luxury, the comfort underfoot and the acoustical pleasure of muffled door slams and jar clanks rate this expense a high-yield investment.

Unquestioned necessities, on the other hand, since the bathroom was counterless and virtually storageless, were the working dressing table, its chair and mirror and the *étagère*. The last also doubles as the primary decorative element of the little suite by serving as a showcase for the carnation motif and palette. Piquant bonuses are the unexpected little bouquets painted on barn siding and the Sybarite's finishing touch: fresh flowers and "Crushed Carnation" soap to spice the air.



Ceiling-hung curtains match wallpaper, hide shower sheet



Maximum demands were made on [illegible] possible space



Adhesive-backed make-up lights install in seconds

Major components: Towels and sheets by Cannon; Lennon wallpaper; Carter Bros., carpeting; wicker furniture from Walters; Colorado Carnations; Yardley's "Crushed Carnation" soap. Shopping information on page 190





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Cocktail lore and legend

Try these stories, admittedly a mixture of fact and fancy, as an ice-breaking gambit at your next cocktail party

by C. G. Martinez

Although the cocktail is acknowledged to be an American invention, the origin of the word is a matter of conjecture. Lord Kinross, in his delightful book on the history of gin, quotes the patriotic if apocryphal story about a certain Betsy Flanagan, a sturdy daughter of the American Revolution whose tavern was frequented by the French soldiers in Washington's Army. One evening she served them a pre-dinner mixed drink or bracer and stirred or decked it with the tail feather of a cock snitched from the roost of her neighbor, a Tory farmer. The gallant Frenchmen greeted this show of spirit with an admiring cry of "Vive le coq's tail" or "Vive le coquetel." (Coq's tail, an unlikely medley of French and English, sounds less probable than *coquetel*, a French word for a mixed drink current in eighteenth-century Bordeaux.) A sterner, less romantically minded authority insists that the word cocktail came from the stable, being a strong draught given by unscrupulous horse traders to old nags to make them prance and "cock their tails" for the buyer.

Whether the cocktail sprang from stable or tavern, by 1806 it was part of the American language. "The Balance," an American periodical of the day, described a cocktail as "a stimulating liquor, composed of spirits of any kind, sugar, water and bitters —it is commonly called a bittered sling and is supposed to be an excellent electioneering potion." Cocktails crop up with increasing frequency in nineteenth-century literature from Hughes "Tom Brown's Schooldays" to Hawthorne's "The Blithedale Romance," which contains a character "famous for nothing but gin cocktails."

In those days, a cocktail served as a morning bracer and afternoon pick-up, and was quite *de rigueur* for fishing and hunting parties. The Golden Age industrialists, Armour and Vanderbilt, helped to popularize cocktails. Even now they are regarded as the proper solace of the tired businessman, and many a suburban wife has been said to meet her husband's train with a shaker of ice-cold Martinis in her hand.

Although literally hundreds of cocktails have been invented, the old stand-bys—the Martini, Manhattan, Old Fashioned and Daiquiri—have sustained their popularity. The stories behind them make interesting cocktail-party conversation, if tendered glass in hand and tongue in cheek.

Whiskey cocktails

Although there are no grounds for crediting St. Patrick with inventing whiskey in the fifth century, someone in Ireland did and called it *uisge beatha*, water of life. From there it traveled to Scotland and the first half of the name became corrupted, by the English, into whiskey. Bourbon, a native American brew, was first distilled in 1789 by the Reverend Elijah Craig, a Baptist minister, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Two years later, when the government imposed a tax of 9 cents a gallon on whiskey, the flow of Bourbon was increased by the farmer-distillers of Pennsylvania. Migrating to Bourbon County in a desperate—if unavailing—attempt to evade the tax collectors, they switched from rye to the local grain—corn.

Aside from the Mint Julep, probably the most famous Bourbon drink is the Old Fashioned. It is known that a bartender at the old Pendennis Club in Louisville added soda and Angostura bitters to a whiskey-and-sweetened-water concoction and called it an Old Fashioned, probably because it resembled old-fashioned toddy. But this particular tipple is also believed to have originated in the turn-of-the-century Union Saloon in Honolulu.

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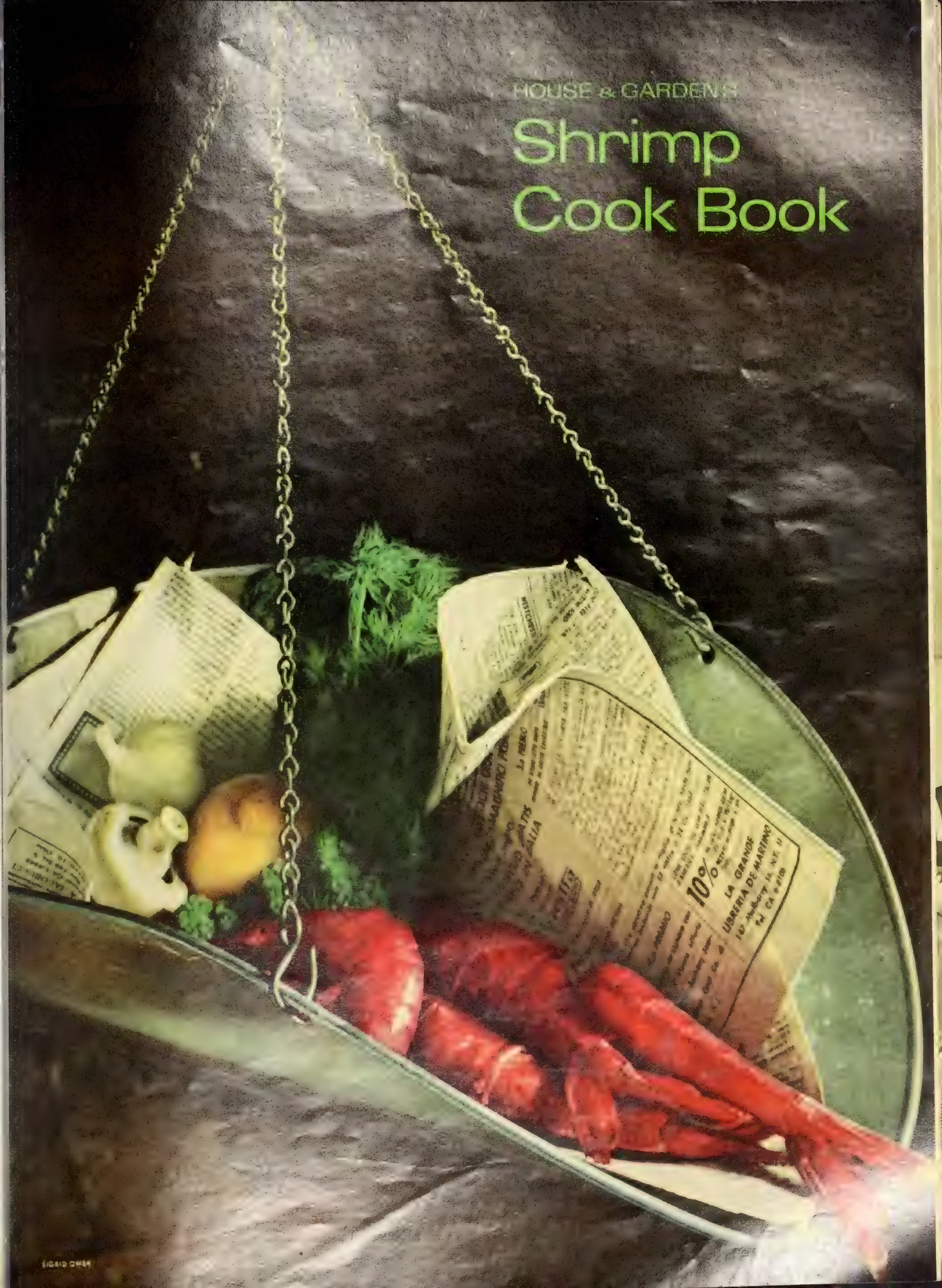
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Succulent shrimp have become so popular a part of our native cuisine that it is hard to understand why they have never rated the gastronomic plaudits heaped upon the lobster and the oyster. Even such a culinary classic as Escoffier gives them a chef's brush-off with the sentence, "As regards shrimps, their use in Europe is generally limited to garnishes, hors d'oeuvres and the preparation of soups, shrimp butters and creams." This may hold true in Europe, where the shrimp, a minute crustacean, takes second place to the larger, juicier prawn and the Adriatic scampi, but in the United States the shrimp is king (Americans now eat twelve times as many shrimp as oysters). What's in a name? As the only way to tell a shrimp from a prawn is by the look of its head—and both are usually sold decapitated—the cook's only concern is to know what to ask for. Apart from a few areas like San Francisco, where the big plump beauties are prawns and the delectable morsels no bigger than a daisy petal, Bay shrimp; or New Orleans, where both lake and river shrimp are sold, you are pretty safe in asking for shrimp, large or small, and serving them in any way that suits your fancy—as appetizer, soup, salad or main dish.

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By Helen Evans Brown

Basic Method of Boiling Shrimp

Many of the following recipes call for boiled shrimp—a process that is not quite as simple as boiling an egg. They may be shelled and cleaned before cooking or afterward, depending upon how they are to be used. It is easier to shuck the shrimp and wash away the black sandy vein before they are cooked, but the beauty of a shrimp is skin deep and if you want to cream a [illegible] that is smooth, round and rosy, it is better to boil them first, then remove the shell and vein.

In either case, don't overcook them. Most cook books say 15 or 20 minutes, or until [illegible] although a shrimp turns that color almost the minute it touches boiling water. Some cook in 3 minutes, others may take twice as long. Very large shrimp may take 10 minutes, although I doubt it. I won't commit myself because too much depends on the size of the shrimp and the [illegible]

There are, however, a few [illegible] ing. If the shrimp are to be [illegible] liquor, less actual cooking time is [illegible] shrimp are to be kept 2 or 3 days [illegible] keep them covered with the [illegible] long cooking causes shrinkage and waste, and rinsing hot shrimp with cold water toughens them.

As to the boiling, they should be cooked in court bouillon, or at least in heavily salted water (1 tablespoon to 2 quarts) to which herbs of your choice have been added. Cook until you think they are done, and if you can't decide, taste.

Court Bouillon

(For 2 pounds of shrimp)

2 quarts water
1 cup vinegar
1 [illegible] salt
[illegible] parsley, thyme and thyme
¼ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery tops
½ cup chopped carrots
2 teaspoons black pepper

[illegible] ingredients into a large saucepan, bring to a boil and simmer for 5 or 10 minutes. Strain, add shrimp and cook until done to taste.

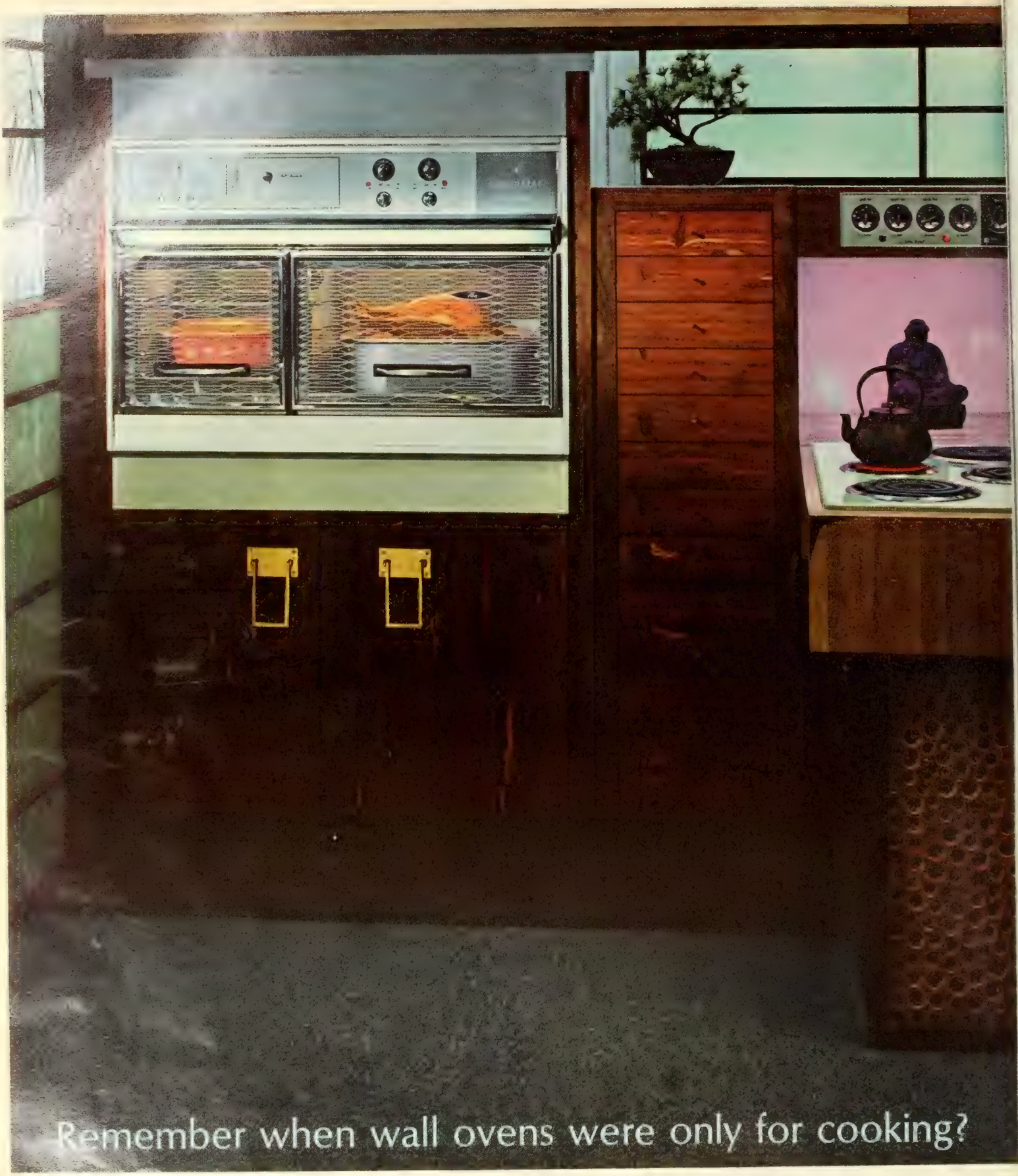
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Shrimp Remoulade

Court bouillon
1 dried hot red chili pepper
1 tablespoon sugar
2 pounds raw shrimp, shelled and cleaned
3 hard-cooked egg yolks
1 raw egg yolk
1 tablespoon Creole mustard (with horseradish) or 1½ teaspoons mustard plus 1½ teaspoons horseradish
¼ teaspoon ground mace
1 teaspoon anchovy paste
1 teaspoon finely minced scallion
1 teaspoon finely minced parsley
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
3 tablespoons white wine

Combine the court bouillon with the chili pepper and sugar, add the shrimp and boil until cooked. (This method of cooking in the Creole [illegible] so popular in New Orleans, is proper with this version of remoulade sauce.)

Rub the hard-cooked egg yolks smooth in a bowl with a wooden spoon. Add the raw egg yolk, mustard, mace, anchovy paste, scallion, parsley and salt. Gradually drop in the olive oil, vinegar and wine, blending until smooth. Chill well and serve as a dunk for the shrimp, which have [illegible] speared on toothpicks, or as a [illegible] are to be served as a first course [illegible] hrst course.



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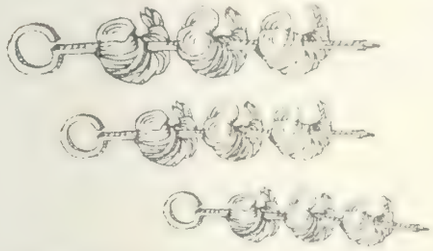
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Pickled Shrimp

Serve these iced, with cocktails, or as a first course at a summer meal. They will keep well in the refrigerator if put in covered Mason jars.

3 pounds raw shrimp, shelled and cleaned
1 cup white wine vinegar
1 cup olive oil
2 cups white wine
1 tablespoon salt
2 cups water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 large onion, chopped
6 whole cloves
2 dried hot red chili peppers
Celery leaves
Sprig of thyme
1 bay leaf
6 peppercorns

Combine all ingredients and cook until the shrimp are tender. Allow them to cool in the liquid. Serve well chilled, with or without a dunking sauce. Serves 6–8 as a first course.



Stuffed Shrimp en Brochette

The shrimp may be speared singly on toothpicks for an appetizer, or strung on skewers for a main dish.

2 pounds raw shrimp
Court bouillon
Anchovy fillets, cut in halves
Bacon slices, cut in halves
Mushroom caps (optional)

Boil the shrimp in their shell in the court bouillon, then clean and split them partially in half. Insert a half fillet of anchovy in each slit, wrap each stuffed shrimp in a half-slice of bacon and fasten securely with a toothpick, or string 3 or 4 together on a skewer. In the latter case, mushroom caps, partially sautéed, may be alternated with the shrimp. Bake on a rack in a 350° oven until the bacon is crisp. If used as main course, serve with creamed potatoes and broiled tomatoes. Serves 8–10 as first course, 6–8 as a main course, depending on size of the shrimp.

Toasted Shrimp Sandwich

½ cup chopped cooked shrimp
1 teaspoon anchovy paste
3-ounce package cream cheese
2 tablespoons butter
14 thin slices bread

Mix together the shrimp, anchovy paste, cream cheese and butter. Spread on thinly sliced bread, trim crusts, roll and fasten with toothpicks. Toast under the broiler before serving at tea or with cocktails. Makes 14 sandwiches.

Shrimp and Olive Appetizer

Here the tiniest shrimp you can find are in order. If tiny fresh shrimp are not available in your market, you can substitute a can of the tiny canned Danish shrimp, drained.

1 pound very small shrimp, shelled and cleaned
Court bouillon
½-pound (#2) can pitted ripe olives, drained
1 large clove garlic, well crushed
Olive oil

Boil the shrimp in the court bouillon, or purchase them already cooked, if you prefer. Stuff the center of each drained, pitted olive with a whole shrimp. Put olives in a deep bowl, add the crushed garlic and cover with olive oil. Let stand at least 24 hours, then drain, spear with toothpicks and serve with drinks. Save the garlicky oil; it is good for cooking or for salads.

Shrimp Fritters

Make these fritters bite-size and serve them with cocktails, or man-size for a palatable entrée.

1 pound raw shrimp, shelled and cleaned
Court bouillon
2 eggs, well beaten
½ cup milk
2 teaspoons anchovy paste
1⅓ cups flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
Deep fat for frying
Salt

Boil the shrimp in the court bouillon, but not too long. Chop them rather coarsely. Make a batter with the beaten egg, milk, anchovy paste, flour and baking powder and combine with the chopped shrimp. Drop by teaspoons or tablespoons into deep 375° fat and fry until brown. Drain on paper and sprinkle with salt. Makes 25–30 bite-size fritters, or serves 6 as an entrée.

Shrimp-Stuffed Mushrooms

1 cup finely chopped cooked shrimp
1 tablespoon cracker crumbs
1 tablespoon minced onion
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon soft butter
1 teaspoon minced tarragon
Salt to taste
1 egg
1½ pounds large mushroom caps, stems removed
Buttered crumbs

Mix the shrimp, cracker crumbs, onion, parsley, butter, tarragon, salt and egg together. Fill the mushroom caps with the mixture, sprinkle with buttered crumbs and bake in a 350° oven for 15–20 minutes. Makes about 12–30 stuffed mushrooms according to size of caps.

Camarãoes Torados

This Brazilian way with shrimp is remarkably easy and good. Be sure to have plenty of large napkins and/or hot towels on hand. Buy the largest unshelled shrimp you can find. Wash them well and slit the shells down the back in order to remove the black veins. (A small sharp-pointed pair of scissors is ideal for this.) Heat about ¼" of olive oil in a heavy skillet (it should just half cover the shrimp) and cook shrimp until just done. Drain, sprinkle with plenty of salt and serve in the shells.

Shrimp in a Crowd

One of the most intriguing shrimp sandwiches is this smörrebröd found in Denmark. It consists of a slice of fine white bread spread thickly with sweet butter and piled high with a pyramid of tiny shrimp that have been cooked and peeled that very day, a true labor of love, for they are no larger than your thumbnail. If fresh tiny shrimp are unavailable, use the tiny canned Danish shrimp.



Shrimp Butter

This simple spread is good for sandwiches or canapés. A nice way to serve it at cocktail time is to provide each guest with a small shell or tiny pot filled with the butter, a plate with a few crackers or pieces of crisp toast and a butter spreader.

1 pound cooked, cleaned shrimp
½ pound butter
1 clove garlic, crushed
Fresh tarragon leaves

Put the shrimp through the food chopper, using the finest blade. Pound them in a mortar or heavy bowl with the butter, garlic and a few leaves of tarragon. When smooth, force through a sieve or food mill. Refrigerate in jars until used. Makes 2½ cups.

Miniature Shrimp Quiche

24 tiny tart shells
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
½ cup chopped cooked shrimp
½ cup grated Swiss cheese
3 egg yolks
¾ cup light cream
Dash of Tabasco
½ teaspoon salt

When making the tart shells, brush them with a mixture of beaten egg and milk to give them a brown glaze.

Divide the Parmesan cheese, chopped shrimp and Swiss cheese among the tart shells. Mix the egg yolks, cream, Tabasco and salt and fill tart shells with the mixture. Bake in a 325° oven for 15 minutes. Makes 24 miniature quiche.

Shrimp and Bacon Sandwich

½ pound bacon
8 slices bread
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
4 leaves lettuce
½ pound jumbo shrimp, cooked, cleaned and salted

Cook and drain the bacon. Toast bread and spread each slice with mayonnaise. Put lettuce, shrimp and bacon on 4 slices and cover with remaining slices. Serves 4 generous sandwiches.



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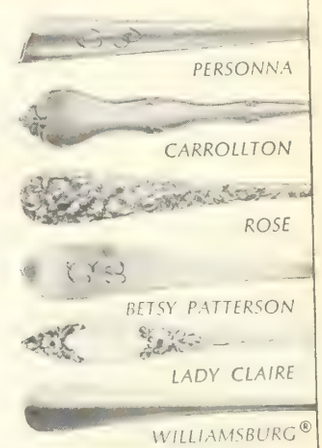
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Braising and Stewing

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Principles of braising and stewing

Although you occasionally find such delicate morsels as filet of beef being braised, mainly for the wonderfully rich flavor that results, the cuts of meat recommended for braising, stewing and pot roasting are usually those that are less tender (and less expensive) or definitely bony, such as beef eye of the round, top and

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bottom round, rump and chuck, flank, neck, brisket, oxtail and short ribs; pork loin or shoulder; veal shoulder, breast, shanks and neck. If you are stewing or braising poultry, you will find that roasting, stewing or frying chickens are better than young broilers, which tend to fall apart. Game and game birds also benefit from the tenderizing qualities of stewing and braising.

You may cook the meat in one piece (for pot roast or French boeuf à la mode) or cut it up, usually into cubes or sections of at least 2 inches. Whole pieces of meat should weigh about 3 pounds and have a depth of 4 inches or more, to allow for shrinkage. The flavor and texture of less choice cuts can be improved, and the meat rendered juicier and tenderer, either by larding (inserting strips of fat with a larding needle), or by marinating in a mixture of wine, vegetables and herbs (the marinade can be used later as part of the cooking liquor).

Meats or poultry to be braised, stewed or pot roasted, whether whole or cut up, should first be browned in hot fat to seal in the juices and give flavor to the cooking liquid. (An exception is the white French veal or lamb stew called a blanquette where, traditionally, the meat is blanched and then simmered in stock and flavoring vegetables, without prior browning.) If meat has been marinated, it must be drained and dried thoroughly before browning. When browning cubed meat, put only a few pieces at a time in the pan and brown them well on all sides (they should not touch each other or be in more than one layer, or the heat will drop, the juices run out and the meat steam rather than sear). If you want to eliminate the fat, you may brown the whole or cubed meat under the broiler—quickly if placed near the heat, for a longer time if put on a lower shelf—and flame it on the broiler pan. It is very important during browning not to pierce the meat with a fork, or the juices will escape. Instead, use metal tongs to turn small pieces of meat, two wooden spoons for whole cuts and birds. Occasionally a recipe will call for meat to be floured before browning, which makes it darker in color and serves to thicken the liquid.

After browning, the pan may be deglazed by flaming it with heated, lighted brandy or a similar spirit, a process that liquefies and removes the brown glaze adhering to the pan after the meat is colored. When the flames have died down, you remove the meat from the pan and add the liquid (preferably stock or a mixture of wine and stock), seasonings and flavorings. Then bring the liquid to a boil, replace the meat, reduce the heat so the liquid merely simmers and cover the pan. (*Continued on next page*)



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To prevent a stew from becoming too liquid, put a piece of waxed paper under the lid to catch the condensing steam. Vegetables may be added, according to the recipe. You can sauté onions and carrots or mushrooms after the meat and cook them with it, or put vegetables in the pot at a later stage of cooking, or cook them separately and combine with the meat near the end of the cooking time. If you like the flavor of the vegetables to permeate a stew, but don't want them overcooked, add just one of each vegetable at the beginning of the cooking time and the rest toward the end. Once the stew, pot roast or braised dish is cooked, you should skim off any fat that has collected on the surface (with a metal spoon or bulb baster, by putting paper towelling on the surface or by chilling the liquid and then removing the fat layer) and, if necessary, thicken the sauce with beurre manié (small balls of butter and flour), potato starch, cornstarch or arrowroot mixed with a little cold water, or by reducing the liquid over high heat after the meat and vegetables have been removed with a slotted spoon. Sauces that are too thick may be thinned with a little stock. It is a good idea to check during cooking—pot roasts, which cook in a minimum of liquid, may need basting or turning, and the level of braising or stewing liquids may need bolstering. Practically all stewed, braised or pot-roasted meats improve with reheating, when the flavors have had a chance to mellow and blend, and will definitely taste better the second time around—or even cold, in the case of pot roasts. Chicken is more chancy. It requires less cooking time than meat and may disintegrate if reheated too vigorously.

The braising of vegetables

Braising applies not only to meats, poultry and game, but also to many types of vegetables, especially those that are green and leafy, such as lettuce, endive, chicory, celery and cabbage. Artichokes, Brussels sprouts, chestnuts, onions, leeks and such root vegetables as carrots and turnips are also delicious braised. This is a distinctively French way of cooking vegetables and well worth trying, as the result is delicious and far different from that of simple boiling. To remove the bitterness or pungent flavor from a vegetable such as endive or old turnips, you may blanch them before braising, either by putting them in cold water, bringing them slowly to a boil, and draining, or by plunging them into boiling salted water and letting the water return to the boil for a few minutes.

Vegetables may be braised in the oven or on the range. Oven-braised vegetables are usually cooked in a shallow, fireproof covered casserole or in a baking dish large enough to hold them in a single layer with butter, seasonings and stock and covered with a piece of buttered waxed paper. Sometimes the dish is buttered and occasionally the vegetables are arranged on a bed of chopped onion and carrot with an herb bouquet and bacon, to give them a very rich flavor (this may be done with lettuce, celery or endive). Oven cooking is recommended for vegetables that need gentle heat and long, slow cooking. You can cook hardier vegetables, like onions, carrots and turnips, more quickly in a covered skillet over direct heat. In either case, after you have removed the vegetables from the braising dish, pour the cooking juices, strained, reduced and thickened if necessary, over them as a sauce, which also makes them a more flavorful dish.

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he put juniper berries, known for their diuretic qualities, into spirits and re-distilled the result. The new liquor was called Geneva, from the Dutch *genever* (or juniper), which the English shortened to gin.

The most celebrated gin cocktail is, of course, the fabulous Martini. There are two schools of thought about the origin of the Martini. Some people consider that the name came from the vermouth with which it was made—originally sweet, later dry. Writers of San Francisco history claim that the Martini began there and credit its invention to Jerry Thomas, a famous bartender and author of the "Bon Vivant's Companion, or How to Mix Drinks."

The life of Thomas was as fabulous as the Martini. At the age of 22 he shipped out of New York aboard the Annie Smith which docked at San Francisco in the autumn of 1849, where he left the ship and became bartender in a gambling hall, the El Dorado. After an unsuccessful venture into the gold fields, he set out from San Francisco for the metropolitan areas of the South and East, making his living tending bar in the best places. At the famous Planters House in St. Louis he invented the Tom and Jerry (Jerry Thomas).

About 1860, he returned by covered wagon to San Francisco where he became principal bartender at the Occidental Hotel. One morning, it is said, a customer came into the bar asking for a drink to cure his hang-over. When Thomas' first suggestion met with disapproval, he decided to invent a drink. With careful regard to the tonic qualities of the ingredients he used, Thomas mixed the drink and gave it to the customer, who promptly recovered from his hang-over. As the man was leaving the bar, Thomas asked him if he lived in San Francisco. "No," was the reply, "I am on my way to Martinez" (the county seat of Contra Costa County in the San Francisco Bay area, named for an early Spanish mayor of San Francisco).

Thomas wrote down the recipe and named it the Martinez. It is included in his "Bon Vivant's Companion" (1862), along with his original recipe for Tom and Jerry.

MARTINEZ COCKTAIL

1 dash of bitters
2 dashes of maraschino
1 pony of Old Tom Gin
1 wineglass of vermouth
2 small lumps of ice

Shake thoroughly and strain into a large cocktail glass. Put a quarter slice of lemon in the glass and serve. If the guest prefers it very sweet, add 2 dashes of gum syrup.

If this was indeed the forerunner of the Martini, not only the name but the ingredients have been considerably modified since 1862.

The Gin Rickey was the achievement of a really good lobbyist. It was first served in Washington, D.C., in what was called "the third House of Congress"—Shoemaker's Restaurant, favorite gathering place of members of Congress and lobbyists, including Joseph Rickey, importer of limes. It is said that a bartender either created the drink himself or at somebody's suggestion squeezed limes into a glass, added soda and gin, and served it to Rickey.

The Pink Lady, named for a popular show of 1912, enjoyed a brief revival of popularity during the Broadway run of "Happy Birthday," produced in 1947. In the play, the proper and shy young heroine (played by Helen Hayes) got up and danced on the bar after a mixture of drinks, including a Pink Lady.

A logical extension of the cocktail is the tall mixed drink, such as the John Collins, which took its name from the headwaiter at Limmer's Old House, at the corner of Conduit Street in London. The John Collins was originally made with Holland gin. When the now more popular brother drink came along, made originally with Old Tom, a sweetened gin, it was naturally called the Tom Collins.

Rum cocktails

The discoverers and colonizers of the West Indies (some say Columbus) introduced sugar cane to the islands, and by 1520 distilleries were in full swing, turning out rum. Rum, shortened from rumbullion, was the strong drink of the American colonists. George Washington once entered into a contract with one of his hired men, agreeing to pay him $1 at Christmas with which he could get drunk on rum for four days and nights.

An early American cocktail was the Stonewall or Stone Fence, a heady mixture of rum and cider. Later palates preferred the Daiquiri, originated by American engineers in Cuba after the Spanish-American War. It began as a long drink, then shrank to cocktail size.

Vodka cocktails

Tasteless and odorless, vodka has rapidly become one of America's most popular cocktail ingredients, especially on the West Coast where the fashion for vodka drinks be-

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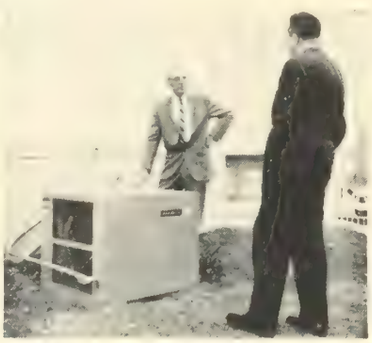
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Cartonnage
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Materials needed:
Tinsel cord, 30 ft., 50c Satintone ribbon, ¾" w., 42 ft., 50c; gift-wrapping paper, 2 sheets, 20" x 30", 25c. Tie-Tie, Potpourri paper, 5 sheets, 26" x 30", $1. East House.
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Glassware, "Edward" crystal goblets and wines, $42 doz. Bergdorf Goodman, 754 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10019.
Bottom:
Tablecloth, "Islon," washable nylon with velvet touch, 108" diam., $70. Linen napkins with hemstitched edges, 17" sq., $1 ea. John Matouk.
Flatware, "Calvert" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $42.50. Samuel Kirk.
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High-back chair from "Olde Heritage" group, matte finish black enamel frame, slip seat, 16" w., 41¾" h., $22.90. Lloyd Mfg. Co., div. of Heywood-Wakefield.
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gan. Vodka is a Russian word meaning "little water," from *voda*, water, and *ka*, an affectionate diminutive. This has caused at least one misunderstanding: A local Hollywood union picketed against the serving of Moscow Mules on the grounds that this was a Russian drink and unpatriotic. But they ceased to picket when it was pointed out that both the vodka and the ginger beer it was mixed with were made in the United States and the drink was in fact dreamed up by Jack Martin of Heublein and Jack Morgan, owner of Hollywood's Cock'n Bull restaurant.

The Bloody Mary, favorite morning-after restorative, is claimed by George Jessel and at least two New York bartenders, while the Screwdriver, which tastes like orange juice but is considerably more potent, is believed to have originated with American oil workers in Iran who drank vodka and orange juice, stirring it with screwdrivers they carried attached to their fatigue pants by loops. The Gimlet, on the other hand, began as a British drink of gin and Rose's lime juice, much favored in Hong Kong and Singapore (Americans substituted vodka). A gimlet is a small boring tool, but any relation between the gimlet and the cocktail is unknown —it seems hardly likely that it could ever have been used by the proper British to stir their drinks.

Brandy cocktails

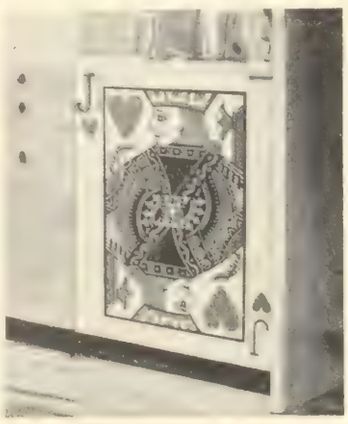
Brandy, a word which comes from the Dutch *brandewijn* or German *brantwein*, meaning burnt wine, is not really burnt, but distilled from the wine of grapes. Brandy cocktails have never been as popular as those made with gin, whiskey, rum or vodka—the possible exception being the Stinger, a deceptively suave combination of brandy and white crème de menthe, served mainly as an after-dinner drink. A close runner-up is the Side Car, an equally ingratiating mixture of brandy, Cointreau and lemon juice believed to have been invented in Paris and brought home during Prohibition, becoming the rage of the speakeasies. It is said to be named after the motorcycle sidecar in which an American army captain was driven to and from his pet Paris drinking spot, variously claimed as the Dome, Ritz Bar, Harry's Bar or the Rotonde. Like many stories about the origin of cocktails, this sounds far-fetched, but it may well be true.

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Sound conditioning for music

How to create a well-tempered ambiance for listening to the sounds you love

In creating a pleasant environment for listening to music at home, the objective is exactly opposite that of sound conditioning the rest of the house (see pages 148-155). Instead of trying to hush annoying noise, your aim is to bring out the best in sound that is more than welcome.

Two factors influence the quality of musical sound—the character of the room and its furnishings and the placement of musical instruments and music-system speakers. There is no need, however, to plan the acoustics of a room *only* for music, because at home music inevitably alternates with conversation and a room planned only for music tends to be acoustically uncomfortable for talk. On the other hand, any room that is pleasant for conversation—neither too live nor too muffled—is generally fine for the kind of music you would be listening to at home—single instruments, or small ensembles. Since chamber music was originally written to be heard in relatively small, intimate spaces, it does not call for the resonances of a Carnegie Hall. In the case of recorded music, the degree of reverberation desirable for symphony orchestras, operas, church organs and the like has been carefully built into the recording at the studio.

How the room affects the sound

As a rule, the quality of the music will not be adversely affected by the shape of the room unless it is very long and narrow with smooth, uncluttered parallel walls that reflect the sound, causing it to bounce back and forth. This can be remedied simply by breaking up the smoothness of the surfaces with bookshelves, tall cabinets or even paintings. A good deal of the sound we hear in concert halls *is* reflected sound, and it needs surfaces varied three dimensionally to blend it and distribute it evenly around the room. Shallow wall niches or exposed ceiling beams are fine for this purpose. (The superb sound of Boston's Symphony Hall is partly attributed to the series of niches around the sides of the auditorium and the coffered ceiling.)

The surface materials of the room will also affect the pitch of the blended sound. Smooth, hard, highly sound-reflective surfaces like glass and bare floors emphasize the treble and give brilliance to the sound—sometimes too much brilliance. But sound absorbers such as curtains and rugs tend to soak up the treble first, so to temper a too-brilliant effect, carpet the floors, or draw curtains of soft, thick fabric across any big expanse of glass. The bass tones are less easily absorbed by soft, fuzzy materials and less easily blocked by obstructions such as large chairs and sofas. But do not go overboard with padding or you will muffle those exciting, keen edges of high sound reached by violins and sopranos. In general, a somewhat "live" room with some treble reflection is better than an excessively "dead" one.

What the furnishings can do

Certainly a superabundance of upholstered furniture in a room for music listening will soak up a lot of the sound, especially if you also have thick carpets and heavy curtains. So, for guest seating in a room where you are planning to have frequent recitals of chamber music, you might consider slimly upholstered banquettes as well as open-frame armchairs with upholstered seats instead of a profusion of sound-absorbing sofas and lounge chairs (or less comfortable straight-backs). And don't forget that people are sound absorbers, too.

Happily for most of us, the best kind of room for music in the opinion of H&G's acoustical consultant, Robert B. Newman, is what he likes to call "a room full of junk." By this, he means a room comfortably filled with bookshelves, table lamps, objets d'art, potted plants—all of which help to distribute the sound around the room and temper the high and low tones in adequate proportion.

Where to place musical instruments

Naturally if you are trying to find a home for a big instrument like a piano or an organ, the layout of your room will play a big part in your decision. Acoustically, however, there are some important points to bear in mind: Keep away from walls of uncovered glass, for they tend to make the music sound jarring, metallic, too sharp. On the other hand, don't ask a string quartet to play in a corner hung with heavy curtains or the sound will be too fuzzy. When placing an upright piano, leave a small space between the back of the instrument and the wall so the wall can act as an additional reflecting surface. As a rule it is a good idea not to stand a home organ on bare floor since it will tend to bounce back the sound and set up unpleasant reverberations. In most cases, a piano is all right on bare floor—as it is on the concert hall stage—but in a room with very hard surfaces such as a terrazzo floor and glass walls, you may find you need to stand the piano on a rug.

Where to station music loudspeakers

An important factor in obtaining a good quality of sound from radio and record-playing equipment is where you place the speakers. Sound quality varies so much, however, from room to room and from one speaker design to another that the very best strategy is to test your speakers in different positions and different locations until you get the best over-all effect. Here are a few general points to guide your experiments if you are installing music system speakers for the first time or turning a freshly critical ear on your old music equipment:

Stereo speakers should be 6 to 10 feet apart depending on the size of the room. Be careful not to separate them too much or you will get a hole in the middle that will result in choppy, disconnected sound. If the speakers are too close, however, you will not get the sense of space and depth that is the object of good stereo. Keep the speakers at seated eye- and ear-level if possible—at least 3 or 4 feet off the floor. A rule of thumb for concert-hall acoustics is that if you can see the performers well, you can usually hear well, and this holds true for music speakers at home, too. If the speakers are too near the floor, chairs and tables

n the path of the sound will obtruct the high tones and only the ass will come through with a inimum of distortion. Also, if the peakers are on or too near the loor, the sound tends to be boomy nd unnatural.

Placing the speakers in the orners of a room often produces xcellent results. Bass notes radiate from a speaker in all directions, so by placing the speaker in corner, you channel them into a nore limited area and emphasize he deep, throbbing tone that gives he music its richness. If a speaker n the corner seems to overemphasize the bass, move it in a bit from ne wall and, if necessary, try aising it a little higher from the loor. In a very overstuffed room, ou may have to compensate for a ass-heavy sound by turning down the bass control of your equipment—but do not overdo this or you will upset the careful, sound balance of both the equipment and the recording. If the bass seems too light, place the speakers nearer to or on the floor.

In a long, narrow room, mounting the speakers on one of the short, end walls tends to emphasize the resonances of the room, while mounting them on a long wall may diminish the bass. The best plan is to try both and judge which sounds most natural to your ears, which is, after all, the best criterion for musical sound. Settle on what pleases you most, for individuals' ears react with astonishing variations of acuteness to music, and the sound in your living room should be one of your personal pleasures.

Clues to the sound mysteries on page 148

The next-door neighbor

The sounds of unlocking his door from the outside and of his footsteps *while his door is open* come directly through the crack under "our" front door which does not fit as closely as it might. After that, the well-built party wall effectively blocks sound from traveling between the two apartments.

The friend upstairs

Conventional floor-and-ceiling construction transmits impact noise of her footsteps on bare floor even though it is sturdy enough to block high-pitched air-borne sound of telephone. Plumbing pipes carry the voices from kitchen to kitchen.

The country host

The direct sound of his voice is scrambled by the reflected sound bouncing back and forth between the two parallel glass walls, and his words become difficult to understand.

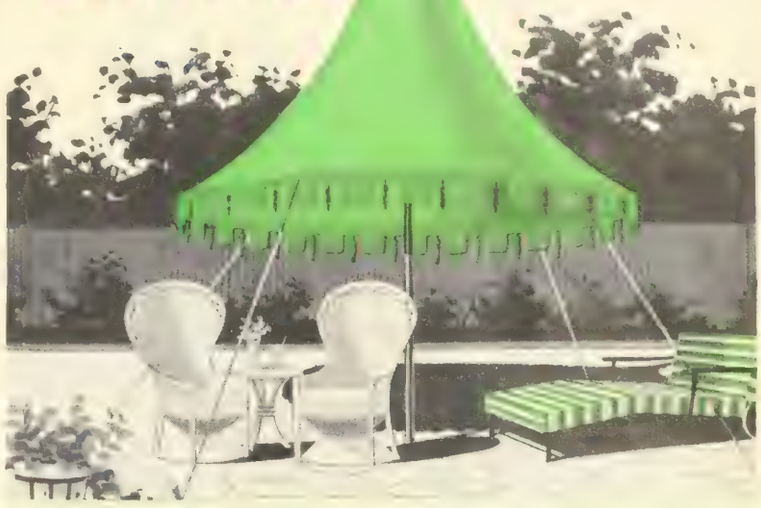
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gardener complete with his marble hoe.

Lisbon has a full complement of interesting museums, two of which I found particularly appealing. One is the Museu de Arte Popular, which contains an extensive and beautifully displayed collection of Portuguese folk arts and crafts, both those that have vanished with the passage of time and those that are still practiced. Not only is a morning spent there a reward in itself; it also provides one with a knowledge of what to look for in shops and markets all over the country. My other favorite is the Museu de Artes Decorativas, an old palace furnished with a marvelous collection of Portuguese antiques and given to the city by a private collector, Ricardo Espirito-Santo. Adjoining the museum are the workshops of the Fundação Espirito-Santo, endowed by the same man to train craftsmen in bookbinding, rug-making and furniture-making. If you fall in love with the exquisite products you see in these ateliers, don't despair, the Fundação will accept orders for them.

One of the pleasures of shopping in Lisbon is being able to have things like rugs and china and jewelry made exactly to your specifications if you have time enough at least to decide what you want—and one of the frustrations if you don't. As you might expect in a country where handwork is still very much the rule, orders are not filled quickly. But judging from my experience they are filled and shipped reliably. There are, however, sufficient treasures that you can walk right out of the shops with to render the problem easily avoidable. I have only one category to add to the listings in that invaluable and easily obtainable booklet, "The Selective Shopping Guide of Lisbon": tinsmiths. They have marvelous cake pans shaped like stars or flowers or hearts, or elaborate and beautifully made molds, and sturdy boxes in any size you could want.

With all the things there are to buy and do and see (I could have filled a week just collecting attractive tile patterns and imaginative ideas for using tile inside and outside houses) it took strong effort of will power to leave Lisbon and see what the rest of the country had to offer. It proved to have so much that in four weeks of traveling I could only dip briefly into the different regions, explore one town out of six that beckoned, and often spend three hours where three days were needed.

Diversity of natural charm

Portugal has an astonishing diversity of climate and scenery. Mediterranean warmth in the Algarve with its necklace of beaches carved from flower-covered cliffs; violent extremes of heat and cold in the rolling, castle-dotted plains of the Alentejo; snowy winters and misty summers in the granitic peaks and heather-clad highlands of the Serra da Estrêla; moist temperance in the green and vine-hung valleys of the Minho—such are some of the variations that Nature has packed into a country roughly 350 miles from top to bottom and 130 from ocean to eastern border.

Within an hour's drive of Lisbon you can sample this diversity in microcosm. Northward along the coast stretches a chain of sunny beaches culminating in the mannered and manicured resort of Estoril and beyond it the more picturesque Cascais, both of them equipped with all the amenities of a model modern playground. Between Cascais and Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point in Europe, the scenery changes: rocky coves, deserted wind-swept beaches and pine forests replace the villas and gardens. You stop at the beach of the Guincho not to swim—the currents are too strong—but to eat shellfish. A lunch there at Muchaxo of cold shellfish—most of the familiar varieties plus some I had never before heard of—accompanied only by good bread and a fresh, dry local white wine ranks high on my list of memorable meals.

Inland from the Praia do Guincho is a little pocket of rolling green countryside dotted with whitewashed windmills and picturesque hamlets. Then at Cabo da Roca the miniature mountain range of Sintra juts up at right angles to the coast, more impressive than its dimensions warrant—it is only 13 kilometers in length and nowhere over 2,000 feet in height—because it rises so abruptly from an almost flat plain. Completely different in climate from its surroundings, Sintra is always cool and usually misty. Its rocky escarpments are veiled in a luxuriant mantle of green, and sequoias thrive in its gardens. Always a convenient refuge from the summer heat of Lisbon, Sintra has acquired over the centuries a crowd of royal castles and noble palaces.



Topiary and statuary, fountains and pools, orange trees and flowers, terraces and stairs in exuberant abundance fill the garden of the Bishops' palace in Castelo Branco.

Fifteen kilometers away from Sintra on the inland road that runs through a dry and tawny plain back to Lisbon is the charming eighteenth-century palace of Queluz. With its pink rococo façade, its formal gardens and its tiled canal, Queluz is just what a fairy-tale palace should look like. Its fascinating old kitchen has been



An arrangement of pot plants rings the base of a tree with color in the formal gardens of the eighteenth-century palace of Queluz.

turned into a restaurant, where you can pause for tea or a drink if your visit to the palace can't be timed to coincide with a meal.

South from Lisbon across the Tagus River is an equally varied and interesting countryside within equally easy reach of the city—a fifteen-minute ferry ride. Olive groves and vineyards, attractive towns and lovely country palaces border the road to Setúbal. The road to Sesimbra, a picturesque fishing village huddled at the base of a castle-crowned crag, runs through fragrant pine forests. And, completing a triangle, between Sesimbra and Setúbal is the spectacular road along the crest of the Serra da Arrábida, whose wooded slopes seem to rise sheer from the sea. From Setúbal you can drive east into the Alentejo or south to the Algarve as I did.

The Algarve, a coming resort

Although the southern coast of Portugal lies beyond the Pillars of Hercules, it is sheltered from the full force of the North Atlantic winds, and the Algarve, Portugal's southernmost province, has the sunny skies and blue waters that you associate with the Mediterranean. Only at its western end, at Sagres and Cape St. Vincent, do you feel the power and vastness of the Atlantic. Rocky, windswept, almost deserted, these twin promontories would be impressive even without the weight of history, the voyages of exploration and the naval battles that they inevitably summon to mind. For the most part, however, the sun-drenched landscape of the Algarve is alluring rather than sublime. Along the shore picturesque ports alternate with enticing beaches cradled between rosy cliffs, while inland the hills are covered with orchards or crowned with gleaming whitewashed towns. I never found the time to relax on the beaches because the towns and cities were so fascinating. They are small enough to explore easily on foot, and by wandering around, looking and asking questions, you discover their treasures: the fantastic openwork chimney-tops on the houses, the little squares where the purple jacaranda trees and even the lamp-posts are festooned with pink roses, the shops selling baskets, harness-trappings, handmade copper pots or elaborate candies of figs and almonds, far too ornamental to eat.

North of the Algarve stretch the plains of the Alentejo, where the towns, perched high on hills, are far apart, and you may drive for miles through fields planted with wheat or cork oaks or olives without seeing more than a handful of people. The Alentejo is splendid country for picnicking. In a land where almost every region has good local wine, cheese, bread and sausage, it is a simple matter to pick up the makings of a delicious lunch at the end of a morning's sight-seeing and carry them to a quiet shady spot near the highway or to the deserted ramparts of a ruined castle. There is a strong medieval air to the towns of the Alentejo. Many, like Elvas, are still circled with medieval walls, and almost all have at least the remnants of fortresses. When you drive into Redondo on a saint's day and find the houses hung from top to bottom with tapestries and bedspreads in a hundred colors and the streets strewn with leaves and flowers, when you stand on the castle walls of a thriving little city like Serpa, look down at the labyrinth of streets winding up to the gates, at the houses with their impassive façades and hidden gardens, then out to the similar cities of Beja and Moura, minuscule in the distance across the plain, the whole pattern of medieval life seems to come alive.



A variety of ornamental carved granite window and door frames embellish the simple façade of the palace of the Viscondes da Carreira in Viana do Castelo in the Minho.

From the Alentejo I drove to Castelo Branco at the foot of the Serra da Estrêla, the mountain range that runs like a spine down the northern half of the country. There are many things to see in Castelo Branco, but I was particularly interested in the fanciful gardens of the sixteenth-century Bishops' palace and in the embroideries for which the city is famous. I found, as I was to find throughout the trip, that the first step in exploring any of the smaller Portuguese cities is to pay a call at the local tourist office. The people there were always both knowledgeable and helpful, and they led me to things, particularly



A crisp combination of whitewash and gray granite dramatizes the whimsical shape and elaborate carving of a Baroque country church in the province of the Minho.

crafts, that I might never have located on my own.

The road that runs along the eastern slope of the Serra da Estrêla from Castelo Branco to Guarda offers an abundance of beautiful views, but for me the most spectacular vistas were from the narrow track that climbs through granite boulders and mountain meadows thick with heather and broom from Gouveia on the western slope to the isolated Pousada São Lourenço on the crest of the range. Typical of the series of country inns strategically scattered through Portugal by the S. N. I. in aid of tourism, the Pousada offers comfortable rooms and good regional cooking as well as a splendid site, amenities doubly welcome at the end of a drive made eerie by a gathering storm.

From the western slope of the Serra da Estrêla I wandered north through the beautiful Baroque towns of Viseu, Lamego and Vila Real across the Serra do Marão and into the Minho, one of Portugal's two northern provinces. Of the other, Trás-os-Montes, Vila Real was my only sample; there was not enough time to venture into its mountainous interior. The Minho, which takes its name from the river that separates it from Spain, also has its desolate mountainous regions like the one around Castro Laboreiro through which you climb to the remote and moving pilgrimage shrine of Nossa Senhora da Peneda. But what you remember most in the Minho are the Arcadian river valleys; the soft green fields wound with ribbons of granite trellises bearing grapevines and maintained as meticulously as gardens; the lovely Baroque churches and country houses and the ancient, enchanting towns. It is also a region so rich

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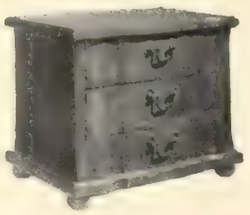
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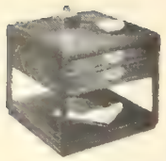
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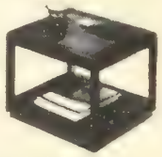
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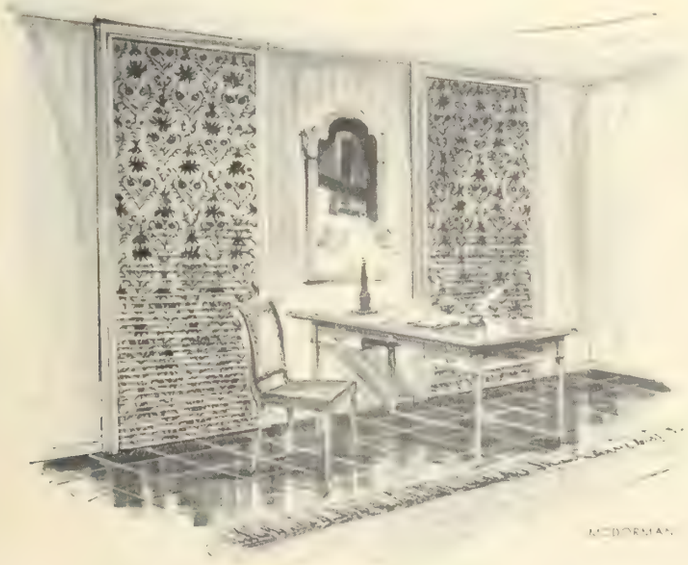
In the Hunter House, one of the Newport, R. I. Preservation Society's gems, Roman shades of antique silk bourette make a neat window treatment for a pair of handsomely framed windows in a sitting room. The shades were hung inside the window frames to expose the fine old molding.

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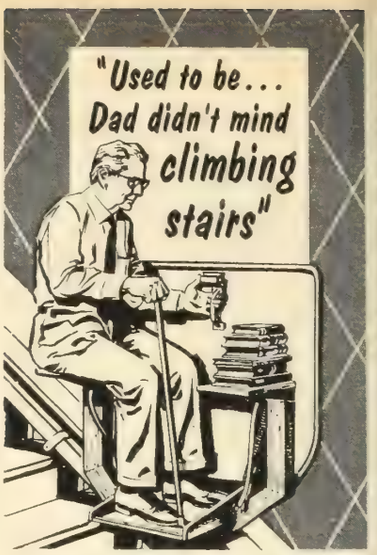
Connecting passage between dressing rooms not only provides access to the two baths, but is an arsenal of storage—closet after closet divided between parents in the traditional family ratio: the lion's (or lioness') share is Hers.



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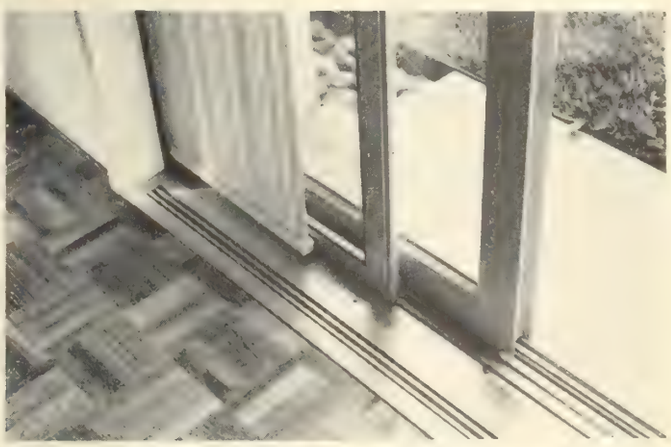
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A roster of special products to help you in building or remodeling to eliminate the problems outlined on pages 148-155

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Sound absorbers for ceiling and wall surfaces

Acoustical tiles are the oldest and best known products in this category. Today you can get a wide range of perforation patterns: pinpoint holes arranged in swirls, jagged holes resembling fissured stone as well as holes or fissures punched in a rough surface that more closely resembles plaster. Some tiles also have decorative motifs in color, and many of the newest tiles have washable surfaces, especially welcome in the kitchen. Acoustical tiles are easy to install and nearly all manufacturers package them in do-it-yourself kits (but some companies also make a ceiling tile with no acoustical properties, so be sure you select one marked acoustical). Acoustical tiles may be painted, but each coat results in a minute reduction in their sound absorbency. Manufacturers include: Armstrong Cork Company; The Celotex Corporation; Insulite Division, Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co.; Johns-Manville; National Gypsum Co.; Simpson Timber Co.; United States Gypsum Co.

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Acoustical plaster is a standard plaster containing a soft clay-like additive that produces small cavities or air cells throughout the whole layer of material. It is not merely a surface finish, but should be used for every coat. A variation of this product, containing a lime additive, is less porous. While the wall is still wet, the plasterer presses it with a large board covered with nails that make small holes all over the surface, thus increasing the sound absorbency. Both types may be used on either ceilings or walls, and, like tiles, may be painted at a small sacrifice of effectiveness. Acoustical plaster costs no more than ordinary plaster, but should be installed by a skilled plasterer. Manufacturers include National Gypsum Co.; United States Gypsum Co.; Zonolite Co.

Felt laminated to foam backing, a new material that helps to cut down the reflection of sound by hard plaster walls, can be applied like wallpaper to any smooth surface. It comes in rolls 52 inches wide and in thirty-six colors (you can get an additional sixteen on special order). This material can be used on ceilings as well as walls, and should be put up by a skilled paper hanger. Manufactured by Central Shippee Inc.

Natural cork for ceilings or walls comes in brick-size tiles or panels ranging up to 12 by 36 inches, and in thicknesses ranging from ⅜ to 3 inches. (Most common thickness for residential use is ½ inch.) Cork should be put up by a carpenter. It can be painted with little reduction of sound absorbency. Manufactured by the Dodge Cork Company.

Pre-colored cork, ⅛ inch thick, comes in sixteen solid colors and sixteen multicolored combinations. The pigments are ground up with the cork particles, special binders and plasticizers are added and the composition is pressed onto a fine burlap backing. It is then sprayed with a thin coat of clear plastic and oven-cured. This material comes in 6-, 9- and 12-inch squares and in 90-foot-long rolls up to 78 inches in width. Made by Gotham Materials, Inc.

Sound insulations for walls between rooms

Sound-insulating sheathing is a sub-surface material which is nailed directly to the wall studs, then covered with plasterboard, hardboard, plywood or solid wood paneling. It is said to have good sound-stopping properties when used, for instance, in walls behind hi-fi equipment. May be installed by a fairly competent do-it-yourselfer. Manufacturers include: The Celotex Corp.; National Gypsum Co.; Simpson Timber Co.; United States Gypsum Co.

Sound buffer ceiling to cut down noise from upstairs

Suspended ceiling, a new device developed from the simple square-foot acoustical tile and said to help cushion impact noises, comes in do-it-yourself kits containing all the necessary materials (which may also be bought separately): wire hangers to be attached directly to the existing ceiling beams; slender metal frames in modules of 2 by 2 or 2 by 4 feet to be hung from the wire; acoustical panels in dimensions to fit the modules. Some of the newest frames come in larger modules up to 2 by 8 feet, and some resemble wood beams. Manufacturers include: Armstrong Cork Company; The Celotex Corporation; Insulite Division, Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co.; Johns-Manville; Owens-Corning Fiberglas Inc.; National Gypsum Co.; Simpson Timber Co.; United States Gypsum Co.

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CARE OF SILVER *continued from page 36*

a dry cloth or chamois only until you restore the brightness. If you continue rubbing, you will bring on more of a shine.

If you polish and polish, only to find that a tarnished area shows up more than ever, chances are the mark is not tarnish, but "fire skin," a discoloration more apt to appear on old silver than new. Your best bet: have it buffed or plated by a skilled craftsman.

If you have any badly tarnished pieces, you may have to have them cleaned and buffed on a wheel. But consider this a last-resort measure for silver in an appalling state. Send the silver back to the silversmith who made it, or find a topnotch craftsman to do the work.

No more polishing

You can, of course, eliminate the tarnish problem on some hollow ware pieces by taking them to your jeweler for a special lacquer or silicone finish. Finishes last for years and do not harm either antique or contemporary pieces, but they do have the effect of "deadening" the patina or at least of postponing any further mellowing of the luster. Finishes are especially suitable for silver you display, but not too effective on platters because of the likelihood of knife scratches, and not good at all for silver that is normally near heat (chafing dishes, ashtrays) or alcohol (jiggers, for example).

After a while, lacquering tends to turn yellow, dry out and flake, somewhat like clear nail polish. But you can have it removed and the piece re-lacquered if you like. So far, the new silicone finish has been home-tested for more than three years on bread trays, candy dishes, etc., without peeling or discoloring, and silicone-finished hollow ware has even been put in dishwashers without any particular ill effects.

Here is a list of some nationally available silver-polishing products to help you choose the best for your needs.

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H&G'S GARDENER'S

SO THEY DID REPLACE THE HORSE



Power for today's tools squarely places Eohippus at high noon

Some sixty million years ago, *Eohippus,* the dawn horse, was about as big as a jack rabbit (he stands just above 6 o'clock, *right*). He had about enough strength to operate a good set of hedge clippers, provided some way could have been found to make the connection. He was in many ways un-horse-like, had multiple toes and a rat-like tail with a tuft at the end. But he lasted nineteen million years and was the first ancestor of *Equus,* the noble beast that modern inventiveness has replaced, for all utilitarian purposes, over much of the world. It took sixty million years to do it, following in the footsteps of *Miohippus* (8 o'clock), *Pliohippus* (10 o'clock) and several others before arriving at Old Dobbin (3:30) and the big dray horse at high noon. The point of all this is that now, in *eohippus*-size packages, we have at our disposal flexible power units of *equus*-size capacity. We have them on wheels, on skids and in hand-held devices. They may be activated by electricity or by gasoline (which, come to think of it, goes back in geologic time a lot farther than any horse). However they are actuated or packaged, we still evaluate the work these units do according to our estimate of what a horse can do. We call the yardstick horsepower, which may be expressed in watts (electricity) or in pounds lifted per second (by a machine of whatever power). If you could apply a rule-of-thumb, it would equate one horsepower with about the strength of one-and-a-half actual horses. . . . But man has devised his power package to create the optimum amount of usable energy. A properly adapted one-horsepower motor producing maximum torque is equivalent, say, to a powerful horse at full gallop—which yields his maximum torque. On your back lawn or among the roses, the horse would be a real menace, while the motor is one of the fantastic blessings of modern landscape care. Gardeners (or any husbandmen) who remember when mowers on big lawns were drawn by plodding horses with hooves wrapped in burlap bags or pads to protect the turf will hail the change. And if you used to push a handmower under the hot sun all day, you will feel much the same way. (Or perhaps you chopped onions with a hoe, or turned meadow sod with a spading fork or cut firewood with an axe and bucksaw.) *Eohippus,* you have indeed come a long way.

MONTH



The strength if not the beauty of a horse assumes many forms

Most landscape chores are done by machines having motors—usually gasoline powered—often at from two to six horsepower. (Hedge clippers and light lawn edgers may be electrically activated by fractional-horsepower motors.) Beginnings have been made at developing the heavier landscape machines with electric motors instead of gasoline engines, but as things stand now they do not seriously rival the gasoline-powered ones (although their day may not be far off). Some of our most important power tools, all beyond horse-range now, encircle our power clock: I Gang-reel mower for big lawns. II Powered reel push mower. III Grass-catching rotary, man or motor pushed. IV Lawn-size power vacuum cleaner—recent and wonderful. V Power edger. VI Electric hedge trimmer. VII Chain saw. VIII Tractor-drawn carry-all. IX Power tiller. X Snow blower. XI Power unit with harrow. XII Big riding rotary.

Each spring (when the sap is rising and gardeners should be eager to stretch their muscles), H&G reviews the tools and equipment whose special purpose is to take the work out of caring for gardens and grounds. This faintly nihilistic practice is motivated by our willingness to have as much drudgery as possible removed from the preoccupation we cherish—if only so that all available time and effort can be put to a more pleasant use than moving earth, pushing heavy equipment, toiling at essentially monotonous and unrelieving tasks. So once again we survey the equipment scene to see what is new for 1965.

The basic power tools that perform clearly established tasks have not been changed very much—merely improved in one particular or another. (What would you do to change a safety pin, for example?) Trends that we saw—or thought we saw—a few seasons ago are still largely that: trends. The trend to electric power, for example. While many household appliances have "gone cordless" or have been brought into the realm of feasibility, cord or no cord, heavy landscape equipment has remained little affected. Gasoline motors, especially those in the home-size tractors and the larger lawn mowers and snow throwers, may be provided with electric starters—either by means of a heavy storage battery or one of the new, lighter rechargeable dry batteries. The cord-attached starter has made little headway and the rechargeable batteries are still expensive. But the starters themselves are worth their weight in the relief they afford soft-muscled householders from the wrenching hazards of starting a balky engine by hand—even with the aid of windup devices, which become completely frustrating when an engine refuses to start.

Most important confirmed trend—in point of improved operation at least—is the turn toward automatic clipping-sweeping. This may take the form of semi-vacuum pick-up devices, usually available on the more "deluxe" mowers—and always, of course, only on rotary models. In addition, there is an increase in the number and efficiency of the big but noisy vacuum sweepers that will clean turf or terrace of grass, leaves and (heaven forbid) picnic litter. It should be noted that the very nature of these sweeper-mowers or vacuum-sweepers requires fairly costly methods and components, thus they are not inexpensive, as lawn tools go. They also tend to have a shorter life, even if for the operator a merrier one.

Streamlining *qua* streamlining seems to have lost its glitter, and honest machinery is being given its due without disguise or concealment except for safety and cleanliness. This may well be attributable to the elimination from the market, by ordinary competitive merchandising methods, of shoddy tools that needed either a kind of jazzed-up concealment or a specious appearance of novelty. It *(Continued on the next page)*



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surely is significant that some of the finest of the big power lawn mowers are still as unstreamlined as ever. And it is no accident that responsible established firms in the new and slightly heady world of small tractors offer models that still look pretty much like tractors.

For our money, the most solid news in riding mowers was made a year ago, with the improvement in several models of differential action in the rear wheels, and especially with the introduction by one maker of 4-wheel steering that makes really short turns feasible. The reduction in backing and filling that results is remarkable. Further refinements are added this year, primarily in ease of operation and the better design of controls.

One manufacturer — and frankly we don't yet know how seriously to take this—has announced for this spring a wheelless rotary mower, cutting a 19-inch swath, that floats on a down-draft of air produced by an impeller above the cutting blade. What would happen to the grass under the blade if the motor suddenly conked out for any reason we don't know. But this, almost the season's only really startling innovation, is announced by a responsible and established manufacturer. So who says saucers don't fly?

The servicing problem shows no real promise of improving over earlier years. It will still be difficult, first, to induce owners to have their machines brought in for yearly check and maintenance, and second, to find a competent mechanic to do the work. The best reliance still is the established dealer for the original purchase, then a careful search to find a good serviceman if the dealer cannot fill the bill—as all too often he cannot. The housing problem still represents a problem—largely of the owner's making. Too often good power tools are not protected from weather, or are stored away where they are not accessible for maximum use. The family garage is usually the only tool shed. And if the family owns a power lawn mower, a snow blower (as more and more families do) and perhaps a power edger, storage presents a real problem. At least one manufacturer of riding mowers and small tractors is offering help in the form of a small steel storage shed for his machines. At press time, we know little about it. But we are tempted to visualize a sort of skin-tight hutch that can be set down beside a path or behind a bush. It could be so located that the machine it houses would be handy to the job—not bailed out of a cluttered garage and then jockeyed out to the work area.

The small tractor seems to be here to stay, and for what reason we are no more sure now than we were last year. Status? Sport? Who knows? But the machines are being refined; they will do more work; their attachments (and they are many) are more readily attachable. But of course the tractors and their attachments are scarcely lighter or more compact than before. They are still definitely tool-shed equipment. And they demand the alert attention of strong and healthy operators. This goes for every power unit from one-*eohippus* to six-Percheron size.

People, too, can replace horses

The detail work—and pleasure—of any garden is still best and most often done manually. The tiller is not an invariable improvement on the hoe. The riding mower is not a replacement for the best of the current push types in close quarters. Machine edgers have not yet made the hand shears obsolete (whether or not the handles are old-fashioned steel or new-fashioned plastic). And there is still no approximate substitute for a wheelbarrow. In this last case, at least one new two-wheeled (*big*-wheeled) barrow (and did you know that once all wheelbarrows had two wheels, not one?) has come on the market. It is rubber tired, very sturdily made, well balanced for lugging without struggle, and expensive as all get-out (around $60). It may well be worth every cent of its cost stacked up against some of the pressed-tin jokers you pay $10 for in hardware stores.

New watering devices are always coming on the market, with the self timing or traveling types seemingly emphasized this year. Again, however, you cannot beat the big brass oscillating types if you are willing to move them around from time to time. The plastic perforated hose strips are still unexcelled for use on new turf, in beds and borders where summer humidifying is as important as soil watering.

Plastic is everywhere—on grips and handles, for levers and gears in machinery, as a molding material for everything from flowerpots, hoses and underground pipes, watering cans, plant ties, to clasps and fasteners. They won't rust. But most of them break or cut. And some get eaten—by dogs, mice and squirrels. You pays your money and you learns by experience. So don't give up on wood, brass and iron yet.

Notes for April Gardeners

This is primarily an achiever's month,

with current and former doers benefiting equally



First weekend

The hyacinth flowers. Did you ever stop to think that all the hyacinth blossoms are borne in racemes atop scapes—and that scapes are really leafless peduncles? Perish the thought. Nevertheless, flowers of the hyacinth type provide some of spring's finest color, early and late, and are among the best "blenders" in the whole realm of hardy spring-flowering bulbs. Of course, the big Dutch hyacinths may be far too assertive to be called blenders—especially the first year after planting. But all the rest, and the Dutch monsters after a couple of years in the open have softened and mellowed them, are true indispensables. From the first scillas and puschkinias and chionodoxas and lesser hyacinthuses to the last muscaris and endymions (formerly and still best known as *Scilla hispanica* or even *S. campanulata*), the procession of flowering can last nearly four months without a break. The colors run from white as the snow still lying around them to a rich purple, with clear pinks and a multitude of blues and near-blues in between. In height, the fully opened inflorescences (harking back to those racemes atop the scapes) may vary from 3 inches to 2 feet.

In every instance (except perhaps for the endymions, which bloom almost alone at the end of the bulb season), these hyacinthines, as we have dubbed them, will be accompanied in the well-planted garden by more spectacular or more elegant flowers such as the daffodils and garden tulips, to name two in the season's long procession. But in no case will they fail to enrich their surroundings or lift the spirits of their beholders, no matter how dramatic the fireworks nearby. As an addendum for under-achievers who regret past lapses, consider *Galtonia candicans*, a white summer-flowering bulb related to the hyacinth that can be planted this spring. It may reach a height of 3 feet or more—and with luck, a little protection in winter perhaps, and not too dry or severe a climate, it may persist for many years.



Second weekend

The temperate land. You don't know how lucky you are if you live in one of the temperate regions of the earth. Your land is inherently stable, durable and productive. In contrast, most of the tropical and subtropical soils of the globe, including in the United States a small though significant part of the Southeast's Gulf region, deteriorate once existing vegetation is removed and they are exposed to sun and air. (These are what scientists call laterite soils.) This is, of course, an oversimplification of a very complex subject, but it is dragged in by the heels here to indicate that you need have no fear of clearing the "north forty" (feet, of course) of trees and brush so that you may discover for yourself (we have no faith at all in our fellow gardeners) the delights of growing vegetables for your own table. Your soil will not let you down. Unless you live in the dust bowl, it will not blow away, and it will not turn to cement before you get a crop growing on it. To be sure, unless your ground is already rich in leafmold or well clothed in meadow sod, it may need improvement as to organic content as well as tilth (the latter word designating a state of textural grace that defies ready definition). But that is standard procedure anyway.

As to what crops may be better grown at home than purchased in the market—canned, frozen or "fresh"—the list does not change from year to year. Peas, sweet corn, tomatoes head the list (and none is really easy to grow well). Lettuce spring and fall, snap beans and beets perhaps come next. These are easier, but then the difference between the home and the market product is not so great. Asparagus and rhubarb, both perennials, are both better when home grown. The one, however, is a space waster (and a cultural headache), while the other needs deep, rich, sunny ground. As for the rest—the cucumbers, cabbage group, squashes and the like—you can get far better crops at home than you can buy, of course, but they are of little interest except to die-hard enthusiasts. We will make so bold as to say that no market (and few farmers) can provide you with peas, corn or tomatoes that are in the same league with the kind you can raise.



Third weekend

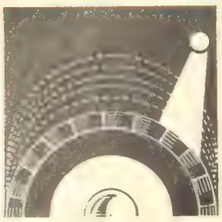
Hawthorn hints. It is late but perhaps not too late in most temperate zones to plant hawthorns. The question to decide is which ones are worth planting and which will merely break your heart (because the hawthorns as a group are among the most disease- and pest-prone of the apple family, to which they all belong). In the wild, the susceptibilities of the thorns are a minor part of a bigger picture. But in our gardens, the picture is likely to be small—and, if we have anything to say about it, choice. So if we are wise and not too captious, we can rule out all but about a very few species and varieties, some native, and at least one important variety exotic. (Although if you should chance to visit the Arnold Arboretum in Boston in May, you might boggle at making your own choice among the hundreds of varieties there.)

In the Midwest and the windy prairies, the hawthorns are especially useful, not so much because of their thorns (which originally helped ensure their survival by preventing animals from browsing them too close before they could attain escape height), but because they are tough, gracefully formed and handsome in both flower and fruit. But the garden or "lawn" hawthorns today are nursery-grown selections and varieties, seldom straight species. Of the whole lot, the most desirable perhaps is almost always the straight species, no matter how grown. This is the Washington thorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*), native to our East and Southeast and hardy generally across the country except in the northern plains states. It is the only one that has brilliant orange-scarlet autumn foliage. Its fruits are bright red and last all winter. Its white flowers open in spring later than almost any other (mid-June rather than May). It may reach a height of 30 feet at full maturity (it is usually smaller) with a handsome round head and dense, thorny winter branches. It is less troubled by the dread fire-blight than any other, grows better under a wide variety of conditions. Altogether, it is number one hawthorn, and among the best of small landscape trees.

If you wish pink to scarlet flowers, look to the English *C. oxyacantha*, which is a most variable species and best bought from a good nurseryman, preferably in a small size. Slightly more upright than the preceding species, this one grows equally tall, flowers in May, has larger but less durable fruits and indifferent autumn foliage. But in spring! no wonder it has been celebrated in song and story as the lovely May tree. There are at least six or eight forms, named for their flower color. If you wish to grow a thorn hedge, try the cock-spur thorn, *C. crus-galli*. Its horizontal branch form makes it almost impenetrable with close planting, and it stands pruning well.

Incidental note. Mrs. May Watts' "Reading the Landscape," while written ten years or so ago, is a simple and immensely readable little book on ecology—the relation of organisms to their environment. Her explanation of how some of the hawthorns got their start (see drawing) is [illegible] and quite typical of [illegible] and animals get along together—when they do. Continued on [illegible]

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EVERY PLANT IS KING *continued from page 169*

Varied and lovely gardens
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encircle this house on a canyon's rim

With blue sky above and blue sea below, and surrounded, except for a few all but invisible neighbors, by the native chaparral of the Southern California hills, Mrs. Hortense Miller has made a brilliant plant world of her own. Beginning at the walls of her house—even inside them, for that matter—she has spread gardens in all directions. At their far edges, she blends them amicably with the terrain roundabout, which is not only spectacularly precipitous, but unfailingly beautiful through the changing seasons. (In winter she feeds and makes friends with a dozen foxes, whole families of deer; in summer she endeavors, understandably, to keep them at arm's length without losing their affection.) While the house—or rather the related living units that pleasantly compose it—occupies a long shelf carved for it on the canyon's sunny flank, the gardens fall where they may. In this case that means everywhere. And everywhere—except for a brief but terrifying driveway, a carport, a couple of working terraces and what seems like thousands of yards of sneak paths, curving steps and switchback trails zigzagging to the bottom of the hillside—there are familiar, rare, unpretentious, boldly dramatic plants. They may come in one's and two's or hundred's. They may be an inch or 20 feet high. There is not a day in the year when something is not in flower. And there is not a flower or plant on the place that its owner does not respect and understand and cherish. Below and on the opposite page you see some of the plants, groupings and gardens with which she surrounds herself.

TOM LEONARD



Mrs. Miller says the asparagus fern that climbs the wires in the small arbored garden just outside the front door has not been happy and needs to be replaced. Not so the Torrey pine (found only in Southern California) just beyond the screen. Korean grass makes a carpet beneath callamondin, ternstroemia and a tubbed Robertson navel orange. Begonia 'Digswelliana' fills a basket slung from a big timber.

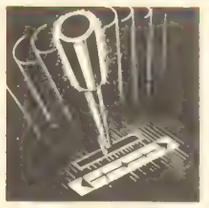


Where the canyon slopes up beyond the living patio (page 166), what is actually a drainage ditch is perfectly disguised as a dry (most of the time) stream bed. Tall rice-paper plants rise against the courtyard wall. Equisetum, the common horsetail, conceals the source of the stream at left, with star-jasmine soaring above it. Mahonia masks the rice-plant trunks. California holly and bamboo clumps rise at right.



Where the canyon falls away, drought-tolerant plants clothe the ground. Carpenteria and *Ribes speciosum* yield triumphs of bloom. Another current, *R. viburnifolium*, makes a useful groundcover, and a third, *R. speciosum* (fuchsia-flowered gooseberry), is massed before an espaliered muehlenbeckia. Ferns flourish under the long deck leading to and around the living room. Paths wind down past the agave at right.

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• The garden and lawn pesticide picture has not changed drastically during the past year. There is, perhaps, increasing use of systemics—compounds taken into the plant from soil or leaf and transported via the vascular system. There is greater emphasis on selective treatment for special problems rather than drenching the entire area with an all-purpose mixture. There is argument for enduring minor plant damage rather than killing too many beneficial insects by widespread application of broad-spectrum chemicals. There is continuing education about the safe use and safe disposal of poisonous materials. The pesticides presently available to home gardeners and reasonably safe to handle, if all directions on the label are followed, include:

Insecticides: carbaryl (Sevin), chlordane, DDT, diazinon (Spectracide), dieldrin, dimethoate (Cygon), Di-Syston (poisonous systemic but sold as 2% granules, Scope, in a "safe" container), lead arsenate, lime sulfur, lindane, malathion, methoxychlor, nicotine sulfate, oils, pyrethrum, rotenone, Zectran. Also microbial insecticides—*Bacillus thuringiensis* (Thuricide) for various caterpillars and milky disease spore dust (Japidemic) for Japanese beetle grubs.

Acaricides (miticides for red spiders and other mites): Aramite, chlorobenzilate, Dimite, Kelthane, ovex, tetradifon (Tedion).

Fungicides: Acti-dione PM for powdery mildew, Acti-dione RZ for lawn fungi, cadmium (Caddy, Cadminate), captan, chloranil (Spergon) for seed treatment, copper, dichlone (Phygon), dodine (Cyprex), Dyrene, ferbam (Fermate), folpet (Phaltan), glyodin, Karathane, maneb (Manzate), mercury (Calo-clor, Calocure, PMAS), Pipron (new mildewcide with maneb), sulfur, zineb (Dithane Z-78, Parzate).

These chemicals are sold separately and in hundreds of combinations. It makes sense to use a combination spray for roses where one or two insecticides, a miticide, and one or two fungicides are required weekly. It does not make sense to use such a combination for lace bugs on azalea or rhododendron where only one specific chemical is needed.

This 1965 Guide selects some of the more troublesome pests on some of the more common ornamental plants, including lawn grasses, provides a choice of pesticides. Dates are for Middle Atlantic states.

	Plant and Pest	*Control*
A	**ANDROMEDA** *(Pieris)* **Andromeda Lace Bug.** Foliage gravish; dark nymphs, lace-winged adults feeding from underside.	*Spray with lindane, Sevin or malathion when bugs hatch; repeat for later broods.*
	Spider Mite. Yellowing leaves; sickly bushes.	*Spray with Aramite, Kelthane or Tedion.*
	ARBORVITAE **Bagworm.** Black and white caterpillars feeding from spindle-shaped bags on twigs, starting late spring.	*Cut off bags in early spring. Spray in June with malathion, Sevin, lead arsenate or diazinon.*
	Spider Mite. Foliage dusty with fine webs; shrubs yellow or brown.	*Apply Aramite, Kelthane or Tedion.*
	ASTER *(China)* **Root Aphid.** Plants yellow, wilting; powdery lice spread by ants.	*Control ants with chlordane. Pour lindane into hollow at base of stem.*
	Yellows. Plants stunted, yellow, with greenish flowers.	*Control leafhoppers. Remove infected plants immediately.*
	Wilt. Plants wilt, die, from fungus entering roots via soil.	*No chemical control. Use wilt-resistant varieties.*
	AZALEA **Azalea Lace Bug.** Leaves stippled coffee-color or gray, rusty flecks underneath; 2 or 3 broods.	*Spray with lindane, Sevin or malathion; repeat as necessary.*
	Southern Red Mite. Tiny, red; leaves turn yellow and drop.	*Use Kelthane, Aramite or dimethoate.*
	Stem Borer. Yellow grub in twigs.	*Cut and burn infested twigs.*
	Azalea Petal Blight. Spotted flowers wilt to slimy mush; black sclerotia form in petals. Very common in the South; found as far north as Philadelphia.	*Spray 2 or 3 times a week with zineb. Do not buy southern azaleas unless bare-rooted, flowers removed.*
B	**BIRCH** **Birch Leaf Miner.** Large brown blotches on leaves. Trees appear blighted.	*Apply lindane, Sevin, malathion, dimethoate or diazinon when leaves are full out; repeat in six weeks.*
	Aphid. Greenish lice in dense clusters.	*Use lindane, malathion or nicotine sulfate if noticed.*
	Cankerworm. Foliage devoured by inchworms.	*Use DDT or Sevin.*
	BOXWOOD **Boxwood Leaf Miner.** Yellow maggots inside leaf blisters; orange flies in May.	*Apply DDT before flies emerge, or malathion, lindane or diazinon in July.*
	Boxwood Mite. Foliage gray or yellow with minute scratches.	*Add Aramite, Kelthane or Tedion to the leaf-miner spray.*
	Boxwood Psyllid. Tips curled into cups.	*Spray with malathion or lindane in June.*
C	**CAMELLIA** **Scale,** many species. Tea scale has white filaments; very common.	*Use dimethoate or a summer oil right after blooming period.*
	Flower Blight. Flowers turn brown, drop; hard fungus body forms in center, sends up spore structure the next season.	*Destroy all fallen blooms. Treat soil with Terraclor before blooming. Mist showing blooms with Acti-dione RZ. Buy plants bare-rooted, with flowers and buds showing color removed.*
	CHRYSANTHEMUM **Aphid.** Black, brown or green, clustering at tips.	*Spray with malathion or lindane.*
	Leaf Nematode. Brown wedges in leaves which die progressively up the stem.	*Start plants from tip cuttings, not crown divisions; avoid overhead watering; use a mulch.*
	Leaf Spot. Small dark spots, starting on lower leaves which die up the stem.	*Spray with ferbam, captan or zineb weekly.*
	CRABAPPLE **Tent Caterpillar.** Webby nests in tree crotches; brown egg bands on twigs.	*Cut out banded twigs in winter. Wipe out nests or squirt with an aerosol.*
	Fire Blight. Branches die back; foliage appears scorched.	*Prune out 6 inches below blighted portion; disinfest shears.*

	Plant and Pest	*Control*
	Cedar-apple Rust. Orange spots on leaves, fruit; branches die. Red-cedar is alternate host.	*Use Asiatic instead of native crabs; or eliminate cedars; or remove cedar galls in winter; or spray crabs with ferbam and sulfur*
D	**DAHLIA** **European Corn Borer.** Flesh-colored caterpillars in stems, which break over.	*Destroy old stalks and weeds in fall. Spray in summer with DDT or Sevin.*
	Tarnished Plant Bug. Tips wilt, turn black; buds are deformed.	*Use DDT or malathion.*
	Dahlia Mosaic. Mottled foliage, margins uprolled; plants stunted.	*Control aphid vectors with lindane or malathion; remove sick plants.*
	DELPHINIUM **Cyclamen Mite.** Leaves deformed; buds black; plants stunted.	*Remove deformed plants. Spray with Kelthane; start* early *in spring.*
	Delphinium Aphid. Red lice under cupped-down leaves.	*Spray with lindane, malathion or nicotine sulfate.*
	DOGWOOD **Borer.** White caterpillar in cambium kills branches; yellow grub girdles twigs.	*Spray or paint bark with dieldrin or DDT. May, June. cut out infested twigs.*
	Crown Canker. Dead twigs and branches, sometimes whole tree; canker at base.	*Avoid wounds in mowing; clean canker, paint with orange shellac.*
E	**EUONYMUS and BITTERSWEET** **Euonymus Scale.** Thin, white males, brown females cover leaves, stems; minute crawlers are yellow.	*Apply dormant oil in early spring; malathion plus DDT for crawlers in June. August.*
	Bean Aphid. Black lice on new growth.	*Use malathion or nicotine sulfate.*
G	**GARDENIA** **Citrus Whitefly.** Universal in the South. Leaves covered with black sooty mold growing in honeydew.	*Spray with dimethoate or malathion.*
	Mealybug. White, cottony, at leaf axils.	*Spray with malathion.*
	GLADIOLUS **Gladiolus Thrips.** Minute, slender insects; leaves silvered, flowers streaked, deformed.	*Apply DDT or lindane weekly to flowering. Dust corms with DDT after harvest.*
H	**HAWTHORN** **Aphid.** Greenish, or white woolly, lice inside curled leaves.	*Spray early with malathion.*
	Hawthorn Lace Bug. Leaves stippled white, brown flecks underside.	*Spray with lindane.*
	Tent Caterpillar; Fire Blight.	*See Crabapple.*
	Quince, Hawthorn, Cedar-apple Rusts. Orange spots on leaves; fruit with white papery projections.	*Eliminate red-cedars or spray hawthorn with ferbam-sulfur.*
	HEMLOCK **Bagworm.** See Arborvitae.	

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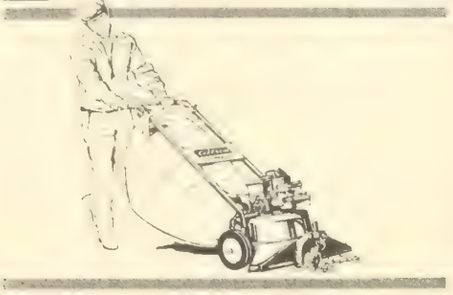


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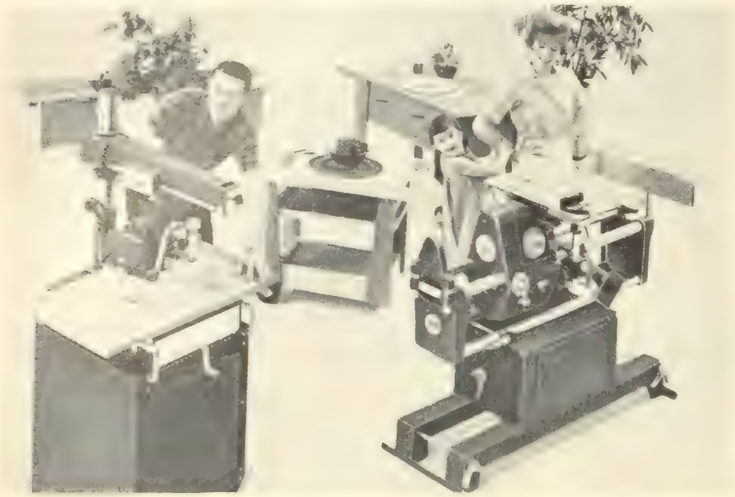
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	Plant and Pest	*Control*
	Spruce Mite. Needles nearly white.	*Apply Kelthane, Aramite, or Tedion.*
	Hemlock Scale. Circular, dark, or white, slender, underside needles; trees may be killed.	*Use dimethoate in early June and late July.*
	Taxus Weevil. See Yew.	
	HOLLY	
	Holly Leaf Miner. Blotch and serpentine tunnels in leaves.	*Spray with DDT and malathion when 2 to 4 new leaves appear: repeat in 10 days.*
I	**IRIS**	
	Iris Borer. Leaves ragged, water-soaked; flesh-colored caterpillar works into rhizome.	*Spray or dust with DDT in spring. Clean up all plant debris in autumn.*
	IVY, ENGLISH	
	Bean, Ivy Aphids. Dark lice thick on tips.	*Use malathion spray. Give indoor vines a weekly bath.*
	Spider Mite. Leaves gray, mealy or webby.	*Use Aramite or Kelthane. Keep washed off.*
	Scale Insects. Various species important indoors.	*Spray with malathion: give weekly bath.*
	IVY, BOSTON	
	Japanese Beetle. Leaves eaten in lacy pattern.	*Spray with DDT. N.B. Sevin may injure this vine.*
J	**JUNIPER (including Red-Cedar)**	
	Juniper Scale. Very small, round, dirty white; shrubs yellow or gray.	*Apply dormant 1–9 lime sulfur in April or malathion for crawlers in June and July.*
	Spruce Mite. Shrubs grayish.	*Use Aramite or Kelthane.*
	Cedar-apple Rusts. Brown galls, on twigs, put out orange horns in spring; spores infect crabapple, hawthorn.	*Cut off galls in winter or spray with Acti-dione RZ in spring.*
L	**LAWN GRASSES**	
	Ants. Make disfiguring mounds; disturb roots.	*Use chlordane or dieldrin dust, or diazinon granules, applied to nests.*
	Japanese and other Beetle Grubs. Roots eaten so grass can be rolled back like a carpet over brown patches.	*Treat turf with dieldrin or chlordane spring or fall. Or apply Milky Disease Spore Dust.*
	Sod Webworm. Fat caterpillars in silken webs at base of blades.	*Apply chlordane, dieldrin or diazinon.*
	Chinch Bug. Brown patches with reddish margin, but grass cannot be rolled back.	*Use diazinon, Sevin or chlordane in June and August.*
	Armyworm. Dark caterpillars feeding in armies.	*Use chlordane or dieldrin.*
	Mole. Ridges over tunnels.	*Grubproof to eliminate food. Use mole traps or poison (Tat Mo-go).*
	Brown Patch. Brown areas with a dark "smoke ring" at the margin.	*Use mercury fungicide. Avoid watering lawns late in day or at night.*
	Dollar Spot. Small brown spots, bleaching and growing together.	*Apply Cadmium, Dyrene or Actidione-thiram.*
	Snow Mold. Grass whitened in large patches under heavy snow.	*Give preventive mercury spray in autumn. Grass usually recovers without help.*
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	Oystershell, San Jose	*Apply dormant oil or dini-*

	Plant and Pest	Control
	Scales. Gray to brown, oyster-shaped or circular shells on bark.	*tro spray before buds break; or malathion for crawlers in June.*
	Lilac Borer. Sawdust coming from holes in trunk; limbs dying.	*Spray or paint bark with DDT or dieldrin.*
	LILY	
	Lily Aphid. Yellow and black lice infest buds, leaves; transmit mosaic.	*Spray with malathion.*
	Botrytis Blight. Oval, tan spots on leaves, which die up the stem.	*Apply Bordeaux mixture or other copper every seven to ten days.*
M	**MAGNOLIA**	
	Tuliptree and Magnolia Scales. Large, convex, brown; copious honeydew and sooty mold.	*Spray with malathion for crawlers in August.*
	MOUNTAIN-LAUREL	
	Rhododendron Lace Bug. Leaves stippled gray.	*See Rhododendron.*
N	**NARCISSUS**	
	Narcissus Bulb Fly. Fat yellow maggot in rotting bulbs.	*Dust trench and bulbs with 5% chlordane before planting.*
	Basal Rot. Chocolate brown rot at base of scales.	*Discard diseased bulbs.*
P	**PACHYSANDRA**	
	Euonymous, Oystershell Scales.	*See Euonymus, Lilac.*
	PEONY	
	Rose Chafer. Tan, long-legged beetles feed on blossoms.	*Apply DDT or malathion.*
	Flower Thrips. Flowers ball.	*Try malathion or lindane.*
	Botrytis Blight. Shoots rot, buds turn black, flowers blast with gray mold. Fungus winters as sclerotia on base of stalks.	*Cut stalks at ground level in fall; burn tops. Spray with zineb, terbam or captan as shoots emerge; repeat in fourteen and twenty-eight days.*
	PHLOX	
	Spider Mite. Leaves yellow, webby underneath.	*Spray with Kelthane, Aramite or Tedion. Syringe with water occasionally.*
	Powdery Mildew. White felty coating with black dots, on leaves, stems.	*Spray with Acti-dione PM or Karathane.*
	PINE	
	Pine Needle Scale. White, pear-shaped shells on needles.	*Use dormant lime-sulfur spray; malathion for crawlers.*
	European Pine Shoot Moth. Tip crooked, tan, with pitch; brown caterpillar inside.	*Break infested tips into a paper bag before moths emerge in June; or spray with DDT or Sevin in July.*
	White-pine Weevil. Leader turns brown and dies from boring of grubs.	*Spray with DDT or Sevin as buds swell. Cut off infested leader.*
	White-pine Blister Rust. Swollen white blisters, orange spores on trunk; brown needles.	*Remove alternate hosts black currant for 1 mile, red currant for 300 yards. Paint cankers with Acti-dione BR.*
	PRIVET (Ligustrum)	
	Whitefly. Very common in the South, with honeydew, sooty mold.	*Spray with malathion.*
	PYRACANTHA	
	Hawthorn Lace Bug. Foliage gray.	*Spray with lindane.*

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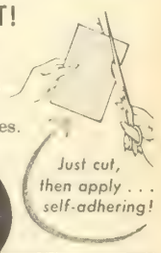
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	Plant and Pest	*Control*
	Fire Blight. Branches die back.	*See Crabapple.*
R	**RHODODENDRON** **Rhododendron Lace Bug.** Foliage stippled yellow; dark nymphs, lacy adults; brown flecks on underside.	*Spray with lindane or Sevin soon after bugs hatch (early June).*
	Rhododendron Borer. Sawdust from holes in trunk; branches die.	*Apply DDT or dieldrin to bark in mid-May and June.*
	Taxus Weevil. Leaves notched.	*See Yew.*
	ROSE **Potato, Rose Aphids.** Green or pink lice on buds, new shoots; flowers often deformed.	*Spray with malathion, lindane or pyrethrum-rotenone as soon as noticed.*
	Rose Leafhopper. Leaves stippled white in early spring, autumn.	*Spray with DDT or malathion.*
	Rose Chafer. See Peony.	*See peony.*
	Japanese Beetle. Metallic green and copper; on flowers, foliage.	*Apply Sevin, DDT, lead arsenate or methoxychlor, late June to October.*
	Rose-slug. Small, green sawfly larvae skeletonize leaves.	*Same as for beetles, but start when leaves first expand.*
	Spider Mite. Leaves turn yellow or grayish and drop.	*Use Aramite, Kelthane or Tedion.*
	Blackspot. Black spots with fringed margins; leaves may turn yellow and drop.	*Spray weekly with Phaltan or maneb. Avoid wetting foliage late in the day.*
	Powdery Mildew. Leaves curled; buds deformed; covered with white wefts.	*Use Acti-dione PM, Karathane, Pipron, copper or Phaltan.*
	Canker. Spots on canes, sometimes girdling.	*Cut just above a bud or leaf; never leave a stub in pruning. Avoid moist winter protection.*
S	**SPRUCE** **Gall Aphids.** Galls at tips of blue, base of Norway spruce twigs.	*Apply lindane, malathion or Sevin. April and or early autumn.*
	Spruce Mite. Needles gray, with cobwebs; trees sickly.	*Spray with Kelthane or Tramite.*
	Spruce Budworm. Terminals killed by reddish-brown caterpillars.	*Use malathion and DDT as buds open in spring.*
T	**TULIP** **Green Peach, other Aphids.** Transmit virus diseases.	*Spray with malathion or lindane.*
	Botrytis Blight. Buds blasted, flowers spotted, with gray mold.	*Plant new bulbs in new location. Spray with terbam or zineb.*
Y	**YEW** **Taxus (Black Vine) Weevil.** Grubs chew off roots; dark weevils notch leaf margins at night.	*Spray soil and lower foliage when wingless adults appear (June) with dieldrin or chlordane.*
	Taxus Mealybug. White cottony bugs covering interior of bush.	*Spray thoroughly with malathion.*

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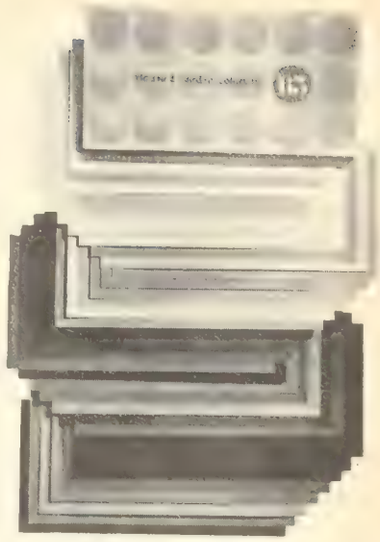
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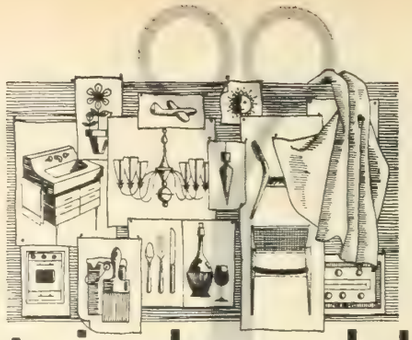
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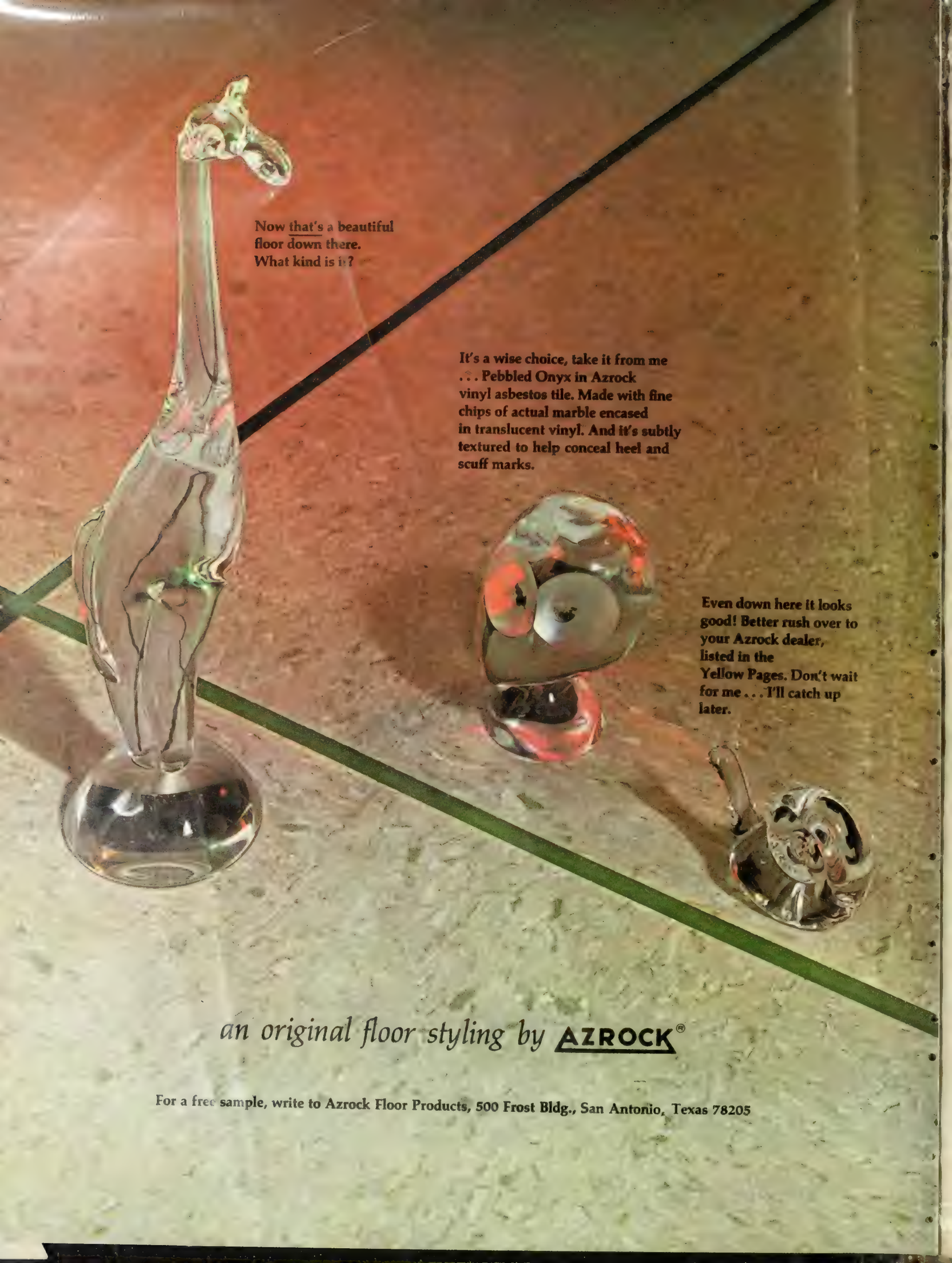
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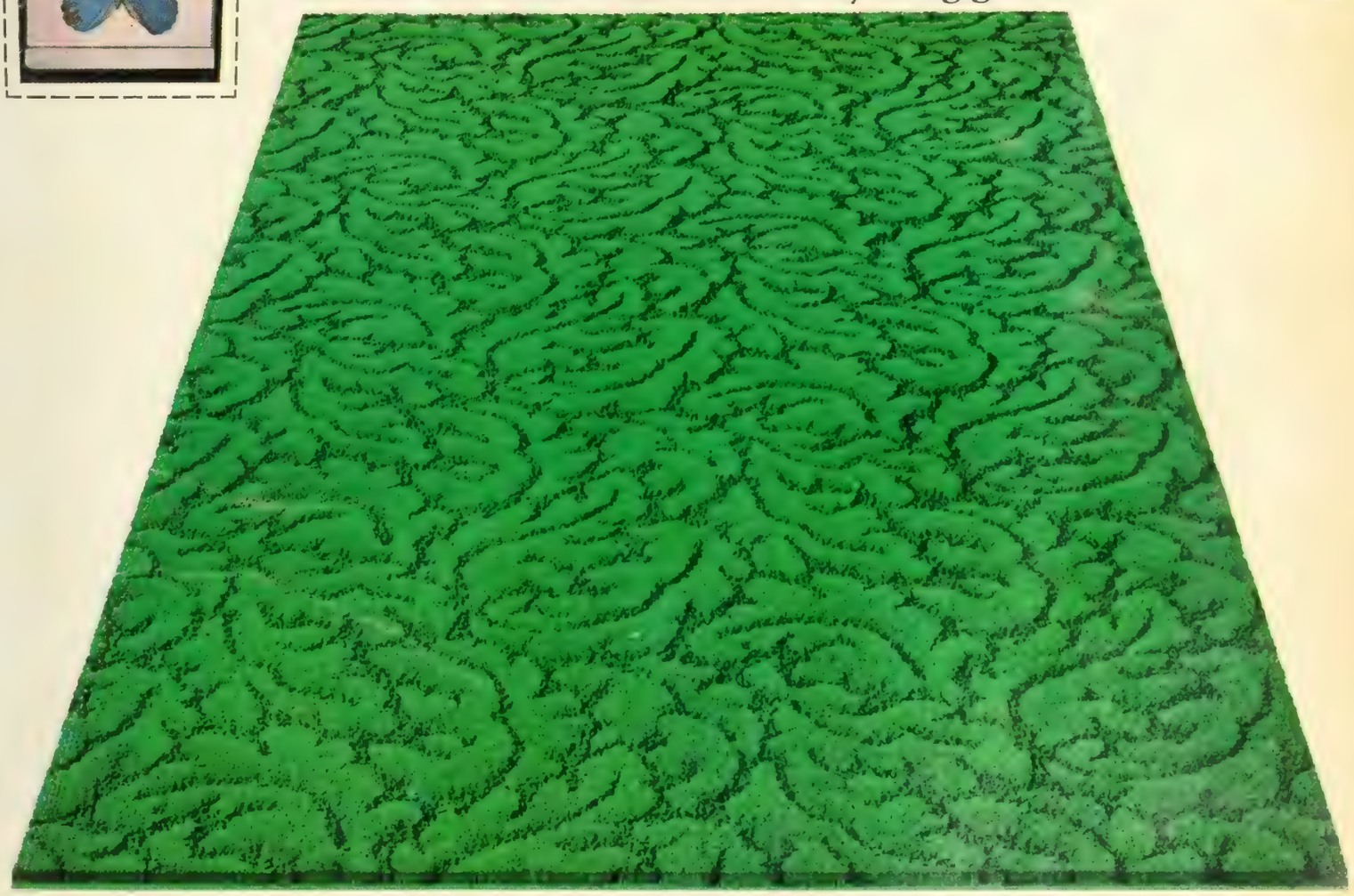








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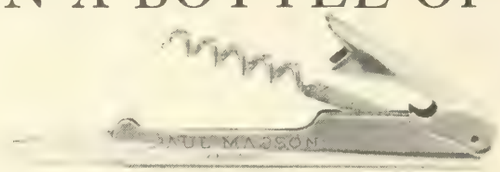
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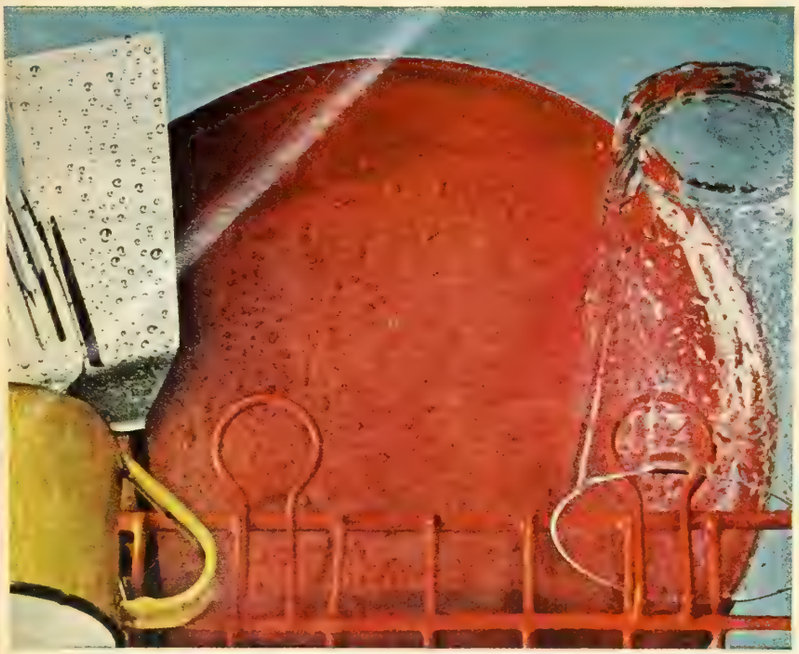


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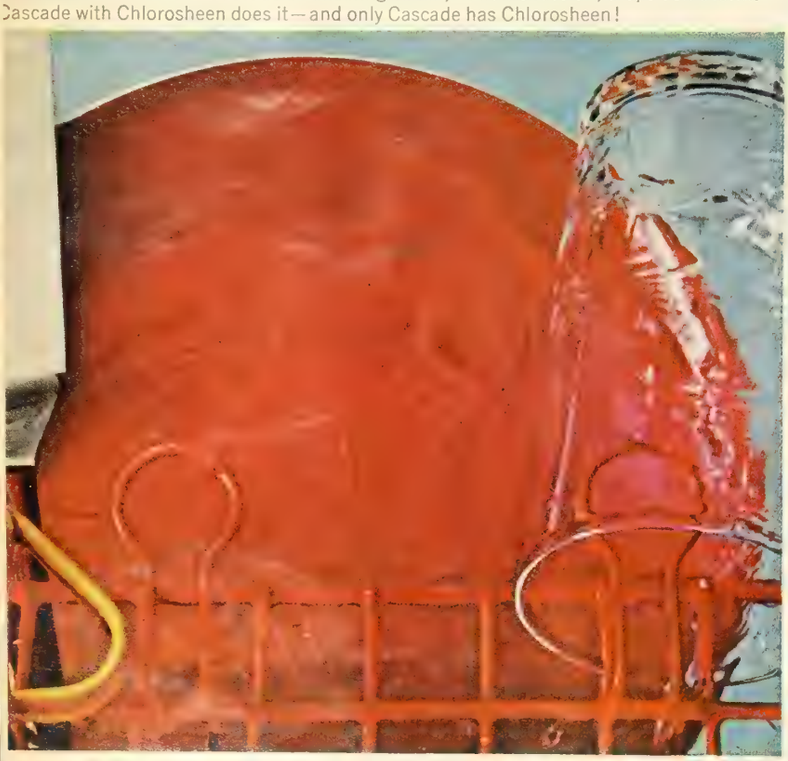
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MARY GREGORY GLASS

I have a pair of vases that were given to my grandmother about 1890. They are a deep opaque blue, hand-blown with a hand-painted figure of a boy on one and girl in a swing on the other. They are signed "Mary Gregory"—is that what this kind of vase is called?
S. DeL.—Sulphur, Okla.

Your vases were made at the Boston & Sandwich Factory, Sandwich, Mass.—Mary Gregory was one of the staff decorators. This glass was made between about 1875 and the date the factory closed (January 1, 1888).



18TH-CENTURY TABLE

Last summer I acquired this table at an auction and have been wondering ever since where it came from originally. There is no mark on the piece, but I'm sure it was hand-carved. *R. Z.—New Haven, Conn.*

I can only give an educated guess, since a table such as yours is not illustrated in any of the books I have seen on antique European furniture. Yet I believe it is of European provenance, probably made in the eighteenth century by a skilled cabinetmaker.

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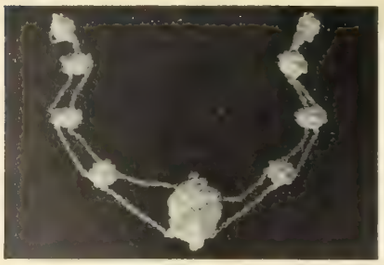
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GIBSON GIRL SILVER BELT

This is a sterling silver belt with a loop behind each head for running ribbon through. Could you tell me during what period this type of belt was worn? *M.A.M.—Norfolk, Va.*

Such belts were very fashionable between 1900 and 1910, worn with a shirtwaist and skirt. This was the Gibson girl era. The heads on the belt are copies of Charles Dana Gibson's drawings.



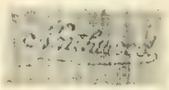
ENGLISH DAVENPORT DESK

The dealer called this a ship captain's desk, but because of its satinwood inlay and ormolu mounts, I believe it might be a davenport. What do you think? *F.R.R.—Chicago, Ill.*

It is an English Victorian davenport desk, dating about 1840-1860. Such fine trim indicates the work of a cabinetmaker rather than a factory.



MILK GLASS PITCHER



From the picture and mark, can you please identify my twelve-panel blue milk glass pitcher? *C.B.—Plainville, Kan.*

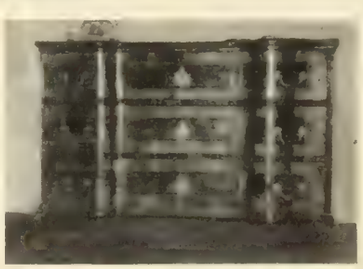
Harry Northwood, an English glass specialist, established a factory here in 1885. The pitcher dates about 1900.



PAINTED CHAIRS AND SETTEE

This set of furniture has been in the family since 1800, perhaps earlier. Someone suggested they are Chippendale. What is your judgment? *L.L.L.—Claremont, Calif.*

Your chairs and settee are more likely examples of American Sheraton, made by an American fancy chairmaker about 1800-1820. They are not Chippendale.



EUROPEAN BLOCK-FRONT CHEST

This three-drawer chest is 36 inches high, 27 inches deep and 51 inches long. The outside is veneered with various brown and black woods, while the inside is rough and unfinished. Could you date it and tell me where it came from? *C.D.J.—Chico, Calif.*

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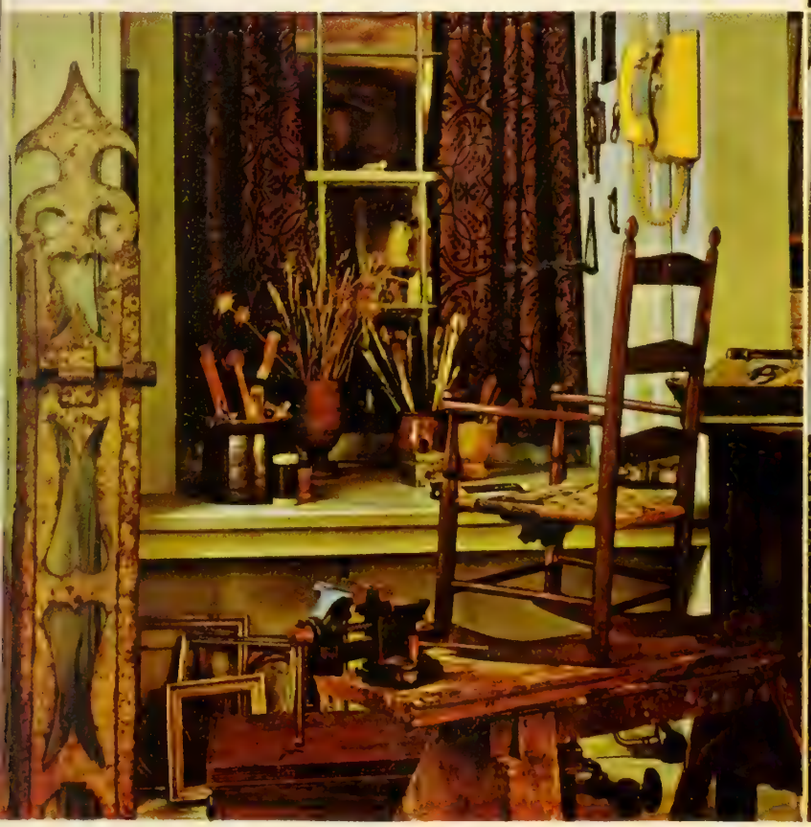
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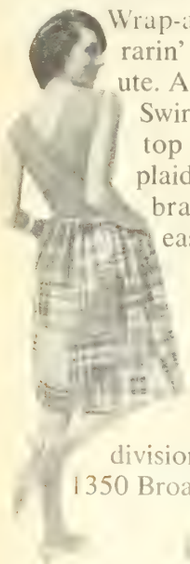
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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

When Clara Rawlings planned a shower for her soon-to-be-married daughter, she picked a theme close to Betsy's heart—strawberries. (As a little girl, Betsy had wanted even her best dresses to be embroidered with strawberries.) We guests went into a huddle beforehand to make sure we didn't all come up with the same strawberry-trimmed present, and the ensuing diversity was amazing.

Prize of the lot was the set of porcelain enamel cooking utensils Betsy's godmother found at Altman's. Each piece was jade green, with a bright red strawberry serving as a handle on the lid. (There was even a strawberry on the side



of the colander, just for fun.) My gift was a set of white pottery canisters, also from Altman's, also with a bright red strawberry knob on each lid.

One imaginative guest brought three flats of *fraise des bois* to edge the flower beds of Betsy's new little garden—both decorative and fruit-bearing. Someone else presented her with twelve jars of sun-cooked strawberry jam and an Italian terra-cotta jam jar. Place mats, towels, tumblers—all embroidered or printed with strawberries—gave Betsy a cheerful housekeeping send-off.

The party table and tea goodies completed the festival theme—red tablecloth, fruit centerpiece and shortcakes.

A friend of mine, a tea connoisseur of no mean knowledge, inspired me with the idea of bringing a weekend hostess a rare blend of tea as a house-guest present. Most of us are unaware of the rich variety of teas that are available; we tend to think of tea as hot or iced, with milk or lemon, and that's about it. Without making a mystique of it, I set about to learn from my tea-buff friend. I have found Lapsang Soochang, a smoky-flavored type, particularly good on cool afternoons. Hu Kwa is a marvelous full-bodied all-around tea. For a pick-me-up, Gunpowder tea has stringent authority. There are so many teas—Darjeeling, English breakfast teas, flower- and fruit-scented teas, and countless custom-blended mixtures if you are lucky enough to live near a tea shop. Since few hostesses stock more than one or two varieties, the odds are long that any one you pick as a gift will be a new taste treat. After all, it's said that the English in the eighteenth century made some of their finest porcelain expressly to honor tea.

A business friend of Don's who dined with us recently brought us the most delicious treat—a 5-pound bag of Zaloom 8-Star Natural pistachio nuts. These colossal nuts bear little resemblance to the usual pink-shelled kind that stains everybody's fingers. Free from artificial coloring, large and only lightly salted, they are a delicacy to relish.

Tips from my party-food file, emergency rations department: A jar of cooked shrimp in a marinade of spices and wine vinegar will keep for three weeks in the refrigerator and will make an extra-special instant hors d'oeuvre served on toast rounds. Crêpes a Dentelles, Mme. Tanguy, those lacy French rolled cookies from Quimper, France, will turn a mundane dessert into something special. Serve them with cut-up fruit or with ice cream. Bloomingdale's carries them, also another rather exotic product—Couscous de luxe Arabior, that marvelous North African cereal which you can substitute for rice or potatoes. We like it especially accompanying stew.

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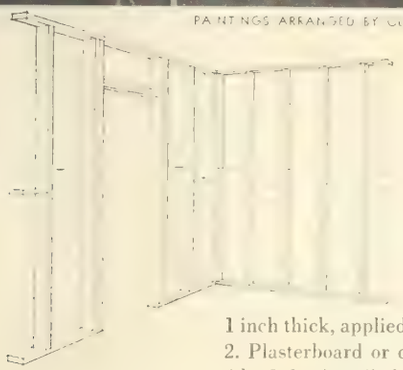
A guide to the proper technique for hanging shelves, pictures, mirrors and sculpture

To mount something on a wall properly calls for more than finding a fastener hefty enough for the weight of the object. First, you must know your wall. There are vast differences—between the walls within the same house or apartment, and between those in one house or apartment and another. We have all had experience with walls that appear innocent enough, but turn out to be as hard as the Rock of Gibraltar—or with others that will admit a nail halfway and no further. Still other walls crumble alarmingly at the slightest tap of your hammer, leaving a big hole around your nail. So your favorite landscape that went up so quickly in one place may require a different hanging technique and even a different fastening when you move to a new house, or transfer the picture to another room. You may even run into trouble if you move the picture only a few feet. The hanging nail that went so easily and securely into the wall over the couch may go *too* easily into the wall by the desk and be so loose you can pull it out with your fingers.

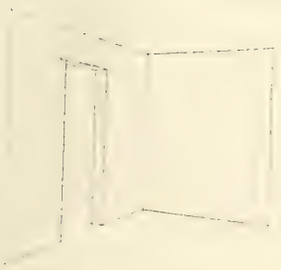
You will have to suit your method both to the object you are hanging and to the type of wall. Begin by finding out what kind of walls you have. If you have bought your house recently, the real estate agent can tell you. If you live in an old house, your town's Building Department should have the original plans of your house filed in its records. In an apartment house, your superintendent or landlord should know what the walls are made of. Chances are your inside walls are plaster or plasterboard, over wood framing. On the *opposite page* are the three most common types of walls, and on page 20 you will find a selection of fastenings and drilling tools.



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Two-by-four wood framing is the most common type of wall construction found in houses or apartments that have fire escapes. The wood studs are placed about 16 inches apart and reinforced with horizontals. Two main types of materials may finish the frame: 1. Plaster (about 1 inch thick, applied over either metal or gypsum lath). 2. Plasterboard or dry wall (a dry composition board 4-by-8 feet) nailed directly to the studs. With either type, there is a layer of solid material on both sides of the frame with hollow space in between—which is why you can fasten securely in some places (at the studs), while a few inches away a nail will go through the material into the empty space. With a hollow framed wall, it often pays to locate a stud by trial-and-error: Starting at a corner, drive a very thin long nail into the wall repeatedly, near the baseboard or floor where it won't show, until you find a stud. Then you know there will be another 16 inches to each side of it.



Solid concrete walls are usually found in basements, occasionally in two-story garden apartments that have exterior walls of brick. In some basements the concrete is left unpainted and is easily recognizable. Painted concrete resembles a rough plaster wall—but is actually as hard as a rock and impossible to nail into.



Concrete block walls are used in fireproof apartment buildings and in many houses in Florida and the Southwest. The blocks, painted or plastered, are very hard to nail into. But often strips of wood are applied to the wall, and attached is a covering of 4-by-8 sheets of plywood or dry wall into which you can nail.

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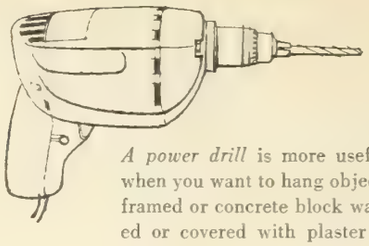
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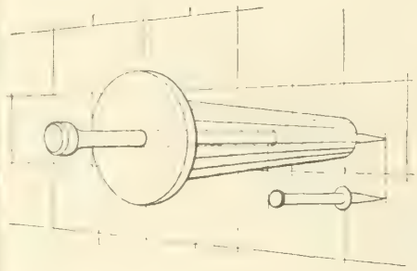
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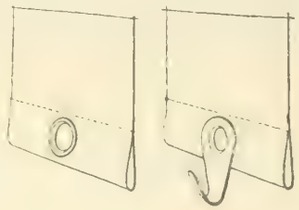
A power drill is more useful than a hammer when you want to hang objects on either hollow framed or concrete block walls (whether painted or covered with plaster or dry wall). For many types of fasteners you have to drill a hole.

A hand drill costs less than a motorized one, but takes more muscle power. Making a hole in plaster with a hand drill isn't easy, but you are less likely to chip and crack the plaster than if you use a hammer. Also, many fasteners call for holes of specific diameter—in which case you simply insert the right-sized bit into the drill first.



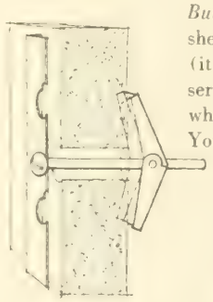
Fastening tool for concrete walls can be used to install shelves or curtain brackets. You fit steel pins into the small end of the cylindrical tool. Hold the tool against the wall and drive the pin in by tapping (with a hammer) the steel rod that sticks out of the large end. Action inside the tool increases force of ordinary hammer blows so pin goes into the wall easily.

Glue-on fasteners for lightweight objects can be used on any kind of wall. You attach the cloth tab with the eyelet to the back of the picture and glue the tab with the hook to the wall. Before mounting, moisten gummed sides. Then press firmly to the two surfaces and rub to squeeze out air bubbles. Let dry 30 minutes before use.

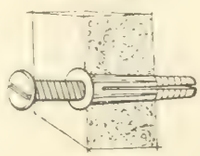


Plastic hook has double nail-holding power, and should be used on walls covered with plasterboard (dry wall) or plywood paneling. If you want to use it on walls finished with plaster, apply a piece of adhesive or cellophane tape where you plan to install the hook. This will reduce the chance of cracking or chipping plaster.

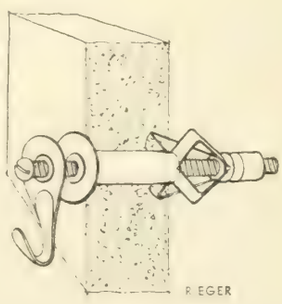




Butterfly bolts are used to support very heavy mirrors and shelves. They can be installed only on hollow framed walls (it doesn't matter what the surface material is). You insert the screw and winged nut through a pre-drilled hole; when the nut reaches the other side the wings fly open. You can then tighten screw, adding pressure to secure nut.



Plastic plug also provides firm anchorage for heavy items. You can use it on either solid or hollow framed walls covered with either plaster or dry wall. You drill a hole to match size of plug, then hammer the plug in. As you insert the screw, the plug spreads apart to create a tight, slide-out-proof connection.



Molly bolt, another heavyweight, requires a hollow framed wall to perform properly. You first drill a hole, then place a specially designed sleeve in it. As you insert and tighten the screw, the sleeve contracts, forcing four small fins to spread and apply a firm pressure to the back side of the wall-surfacing material.



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The notes of a happy housekeeper



BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER

Spring always seems to come rather slowly and tentatively until the first of May. Then, from that very day, the trees seem to compete with each other to see which will be first with leaf and blossom. The old apple orchard on the back of our hill is a blur of green, and soon it will explode into a drift of pink and white. Each year, this is my cue to retrieve our tall standard geraniums from their winter boarding at the nursery. We put one on each side of the front door, flanked by other matching salmon pink geraniums of varying sizes so that they give the effect of solid banks of crisp pink and green.

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On opening the drawers of our lowboy the other day, I observed that the insides of this dear old antique certainly didn't do justice to its heritage. So first I disposed of much of the contents (an unfamiliar key, a toy plastic automobile with no wheels, three dog-eared playing cards, an empty candy bag—that sort of thing). Then I lined the three drawers with fine Italian marbled paper



that I got at a book and gift shop, and I think I've worked out an easy formula for lining drawers: First remove the drawer and brush out every bit of dust and dirt. Then take the length and width measurement of the drawer. Mark the paper evenly on the back with a ruler. Cut it with scissors, staying about a quarter of an inch outside the ruled line. Cover the piece of paper with a light, even coat of rubber cement and apply to the bottom of the drawer. Rub it all over with a dry cloth and then trim the excess with a razor blade or a mat knife. (The extra paper allows for the small irregularities in the drawer.) Follow the same idea for the sides of the drawer, cutting a long enough strip to cover two sides at a time. Again, press into place and trim. After mine had thoroughly set, I gave the drawers two coats of colorless varnish. Now they contain our game equipment: playing cards and scores, the backgammon men and board, dominoes and some of the children's favorites.

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Since everyone in our family wears glasses some or all of the time. I've taken to keeping a bottle of eyeglass cleaner and a dispenser package of lens-polishing tissues in each bathroom. Now we can clean our glasses when we wash our faces, and what's more, I often give the mirror a quick swipe with the eyeglass cleaner, too, when it's steamed or smeared.

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We have really gotten a lot of use out of our disposable plastic gloves. They are so light and flexible you don't feel any weight on your hands when you use them for a messy job like cleaning the oven or doing some painting. As there is nothing worse than trying to clean up rubber gloves after a stint of dirty work, these are great because you can simply throw them away. When the next job turns up, you just pull another pair off the dispenser roll. They are roomy enough to fit most male hands, too. By the way, we've found that Handgards cling better if you hold them under the hot water for a few minutes after you put them on. Then mold the fingers and dry with a paper towel.

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Recently I purchased a room refresher spray that not only smells delightfully fresh, but at the same time works as a disinfectant. We use it in all corners of the house, have a can on each floor. It may have even helped prevent that last cold of Tommy's from spreading through the family because I kept a can in his room and used it frequently to spray the air and the things he handled. I notice it works against musty odors in

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[illegible] that I am, I was de[illegible] and [illegible] can be used to repair marred Teflon-treated cookware and to convert plain pots and pans to nonstick ones. It comes in a spray can, which means it's easy to use, and the directions are simple. Applied on a warm surface, Ply provides a protective, no-stick coating that lasts about two months. I repaired two of my skillets that had some scratches in the Teflon covering, and now they work just as well as ever.

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Last weekend it rained most of the time, so Sally and I amused ourselves by making some stylish coat hangers. Without going out of the house for materials, we bedecked a dozen hangers just with scraps we had on hand. We took simple wooden hangers, the kind without the crossbar, sanded and cleaned them up a bit and then sprayed them with a can of dark green quick-drying lacquer left over from a tray project. When they were good and dry, we glued



on some simple decorations with Elmer's Glue-All. One hanger has a row of pearl buttons along the front, another has three neat flat bows of bias tape. The most successful ones were trimmed with all the odds and ends of rickrack braid we found in the sewing box. By gluing it to the top edge of the hanger as well as the front, we achieved a nonslip surface for dresses that tend to slide off their hangers.

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Came upon some gay flannel dusters and dusting mitts the other day, just in time for some of my extra spring-cleaning chores. The dusters are long, open-ended tubes of flannel that can be slipped over a mop, folded into a pad or used any one of a number of ways. I find some chores go very fast when you wear a mitt on each hand. Dusters and mitts both come in bright red with tiny white dots, or red and yellow fine stripes. I found mine at Pampered Kitchens. 21 East 10th Street, New York. N. Y. 10003.

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Tom invented a new way to water our seedling vegetables that he's getting ready for the garden. He planted them in trays set along the south windows of the workshop, and they are doing beautifully. The only problem was watering them so that the water soaks into the soil, but doesn't flatten out the delicate little sprouts. Slowly dripped water was what he wanted, and our watering can was too fast. So Tom made some small holes in a beer can and just poured water through the can onto the plants. He can increase the flow of water as the plants grow by just increasing the size and number of the holes. Works fine.

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Goodness knows several highly efficient oven cleaners have been around for some time, but the newer ones are truly amazing. I tried one the other day and couldn't believe what I saw. In five minutes the sprayed-on chemical had softened every smidge of grime and grease on the walls and top of the oven, and I just wiped them off with a damp cloth. I didn't even have to wear rubber gloves. Jifoam is nonflammable and doesn't drip onto the counters or floors because the fine spray stays right where you want the action. I find I can keep the stove sparkling clean by spraying and wiping any greasy or scorched spots after each meal, so they don't accumulate.



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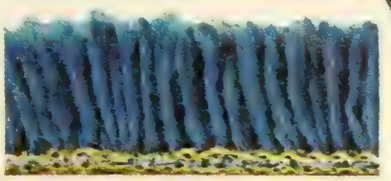
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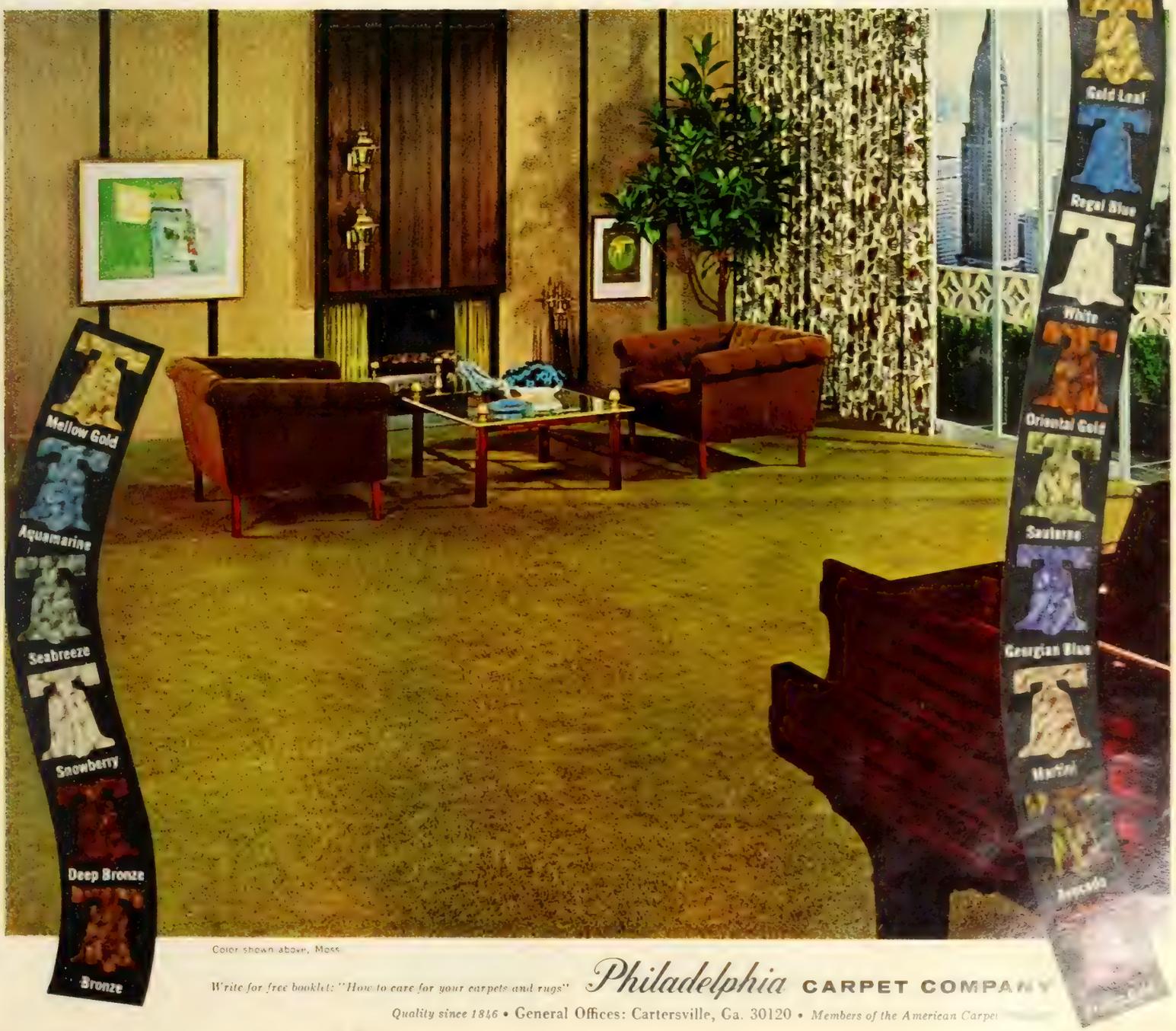
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For the child who in his secret world lives in the jungle and carries a machete and talks to monkeys, how about a little rush-seated chair from Haiti. The stained mahogany frame is carved with appropriate crudeness for a true Rousseau-ian. Seat height, 11 inches. From Be Seated. $15.



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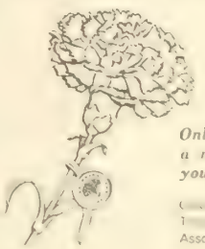
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The traditionalist:

For a cozy child who loves the old-fashioned things—rocking a doll, for instance—be sure to provide a rocking chair. This one, Early American in design and made of maple and birch, comes painted white, black or nutmeg. Stands 29 inches high over-all. Made by Baumritter. $25.50.



The avant-garde:

For the straightforward, no-nonsense moppet who inhabits a very modern home, a sparsely cubic little birch chair would be great. A Swedish import, its red-painted seat is 13 inches high. From Children's Workbench. $19.50.



The vagabond:

The child whose curiosity and sociable nature make him seem to occupy every room in the house needs a folding chair he can carry and set up easily wherever he lights. A 22-inch wrought-iron and reed number that folds flat would do very well. From Be Seated. $8.95.

The nonconformist:

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In a series of interviews with well-versed bookmen from public and museum libraries, H&G was convinced that most of the professional techniques used to maintain and restore valuable library collections may be used in home libraries with equal success.

Without exception our authorities were in rabid agreement that 1, ignorance of the physiology of books accounts for the many invalid volumes one sees in even the most beautifully maintained houses; and 2, that generally speaking not one person in a thousand knows how to open a book without cracking its back. If these two tricks were taught from infancy or from the child's first cloth book, the librarians claim there would never be an injured book worn out, yes, but not manhandled. They also waxed eloquent on the subject of regular care as opposed to the once-a-year housecleaning when every tome is exposed to a mass attack, only to snooze uneasily for the next twelve months under layers of destructive dust.

The apotheosis of dust-free housing for books is an arrangement of closed shelves with glass doors and with plenty of air circulation. But since the charm of open bookshelves cannot be denied, and you are probably less than a professional bookman, you must be prepared to pursue dust diligently. If an everyday stint is not practicable, set yourself a twice-a-week schedule, but stick to it faithfully. Using a soft, dry, clean cloth or soft brush, dust the books from back to front to head off any accumulation of loose dust in the headcap (top of back) that might one day cause the binding to deteriorate. Remove each book from the shelf as you dust it, and take a look at the shelf, too, since any dust left there has a nasty habit of working its way up into the binding and pages. Books may be vacuumed successfully providing the brush attachment is properly handled, i.e., moved *lightly* across the top of the book. Never press down. Hardbound covers (cloth on boards) may be freshened up when dingy with art gum or a soap eraser.

Soiled page edges are unattractive. If the dirt is not too deeply ingrained, you can improve their appearance greatly by sanding with the finest grade sandpaper or erasing with a soft soap eraser. Hold the book *very* firmly in a vise or clamp of some kind while doing this so pages will not ruffle back into permanent "curls."

Atmospheric conditions are most important. The ideal temperature for the well-being of your books is 65 to 75 degrees with a relative humidity of 50 per cent. (Who wouldn't flourish in such a climate?) Direct sunlight or strong light of any kind is injurious to leather and cloth bindings alike—dries out the former and fades both. And bookshelves should never be backed up to chimneys or placed over radiators—the bindings would dry and warp in short order. Overflow books stored in basements, garages, attics or under water pipes are almost certainly doomed.

Book experts differ about the relative value of air conditioners and humidifiers. Some feel a single room unit is better than nothing at all. Others feel that before a single unit can do much good for a book collection, its conditioned air is apt to have been dissipated under doors and through cracks. The ideal, of course, is a housewide system that may be regulated to give the library the perfect atmosphere for books.

Judicious weeding

If you own more books than you can possibly house properly, review the titles, selecting those you cannot be parted from (be stern with yourself); then bravely donate the balance to some worthy cause such as the American Merchant Marine Library Association. But be sure your discards are worth donating—for example, a ten-volume set of a financial report from a mission in deepest Africa published in 1872 is not. Sell that one for old paper and buy yourself a *new* book!

The dedicated book lover, of course, can no more resist buying books and more books than the fanatic fisherman can resist new tackle. But where to put them? One place not to put them is on a crowded shelf. Forcing books into

place is fatal. They should, nay, must stand loosely enough to be lifted off (not hooked off by a finger). Nor should books be used as props to hold up a partially filled shelf. They may look well, but they will fare badly. Sturdy book ends strong enough to hold the three end books are the only safe support. Oversize books, ideally, should have shelves deep enough to permit them to stand upright. But loose plates in boxes should lie flat.

Pests and pets find books very tasty! Regular dusting will reveal the arrival of silverfish, moths or worms before it becomes a major invasion. If only one or two books are affected, remove them at once. If one or more varieties of these unwelcome pests are found in any appreciable number, call a reliable exterminator at once. When rare or fine leather bindings are involved, consult a professional book restorer. The Guild of Book Workers will send you a list of reliable restorers in your vicinity. Pets, too, can be very destructive to books. For example, parakeets love paper, so keep an eye on your free-flying friends. Dogs and cats may not be book fanciers, but when in the puppy and kitten stage, any object in range may look toothsome.

Mildew can be a scourge if left untouched. A mild case will respond to wiping with a damp cloth and immediate removal from the mildew-prone location. Do not return the afflicted books to the same spot unless the source of the mildew has been firmly dealt with, either by introducing a room dehumidifier or one of the inexpensive commercial products (usually in a tin) which may be hidden behind books to absorb moisture.

Luxurious leather

Fine leather bindings are the aristocrats of the book world. To keep them in pristine condition requires regular inspection and treatment. Steam heat is their dread enemy—other temperature excesses are also to be watched. Dust and decrease of salts in leather will in time turn a once beautiful binding into a shabby, scruffy-looking one. Glass-doored shelves are highly recommended. In cases of very rare and valuable books, museum libraries often keep each rarity in its own box, allowing plenty of breathing space. Most book experts frown on tight slipcovers since they rub the corners (usually the first part to show wear) when the book is taken in and out.

Leather bindings may be handled freely as perspiration salt is good for them. Handling alone, however, will not be enough to keep the leather in good condition, unless you add some oil on a regular schedule. Generally speaking, leather bindings should be treated twice a year. Commercial preparations are not recommended unless the ingredients are known and printed on the container. One exception is "Lexol," a leather preservative endorsed by both the British Museum and Brentano's book store, the latter being one of the few retailers that maintains a service for rebinding and restoring leather-bound books. The Guild of Book Workers recommends sponging leather bindings twice a year with a solution made of one pound of potassium lactate, two gallons distilled water and five level teaspoons of paranitrophenol. After sponging, stand book upright and allow binding to dry twenty-four hours. Then apply a dressing made from 60 per cent neat's-foot oil and 40 per cent lanolin.

If you have old books in need of repair, and have any idea of their value (if not, try to find out), consult a professional restorer. Many a fine and valuable volume has been lost forever (or lost its intrinsic worth) by eager loving hands at home. Well-meaning home binders are not equipped to cope with the skill and painstaking care which must go into a good job of rebinding a fine volume. Although many books and articles have implied that bookbinding is a cinch, it is, on the contrary, an ancient [illegible] that requires lengthy training.

Book care primer

Here are some easy tricks which will help you keep your books in good shape (excellent [illegible] teach your children):

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- Reference books should always be used on a flat surface as they are usually heavy and any strain will loosen the back. Never, never pile one open book atop another.
- Writing on a piece of paper placed on an open book is *verboten* in any language. Indentations made by this bad habit never disappear.
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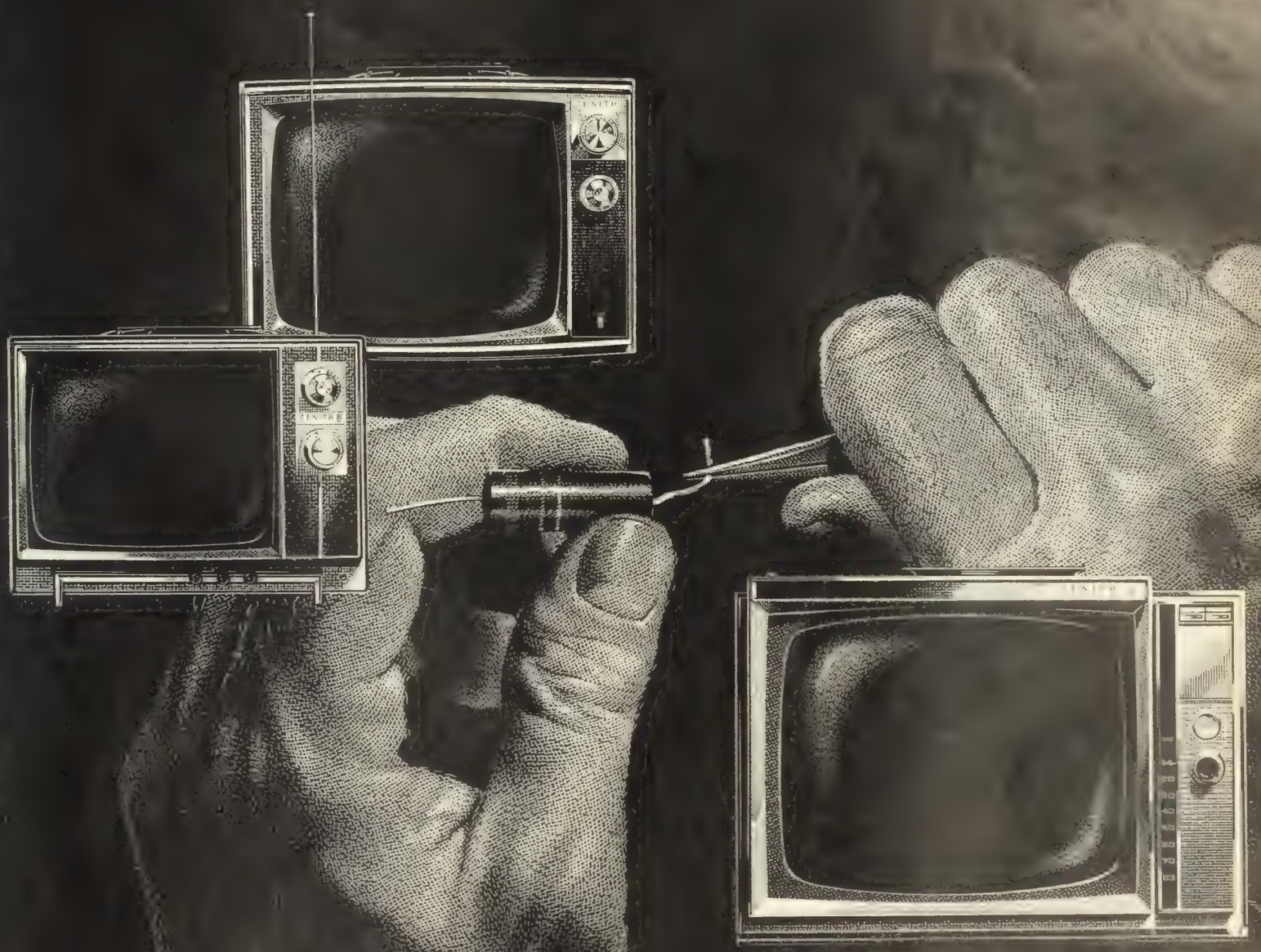
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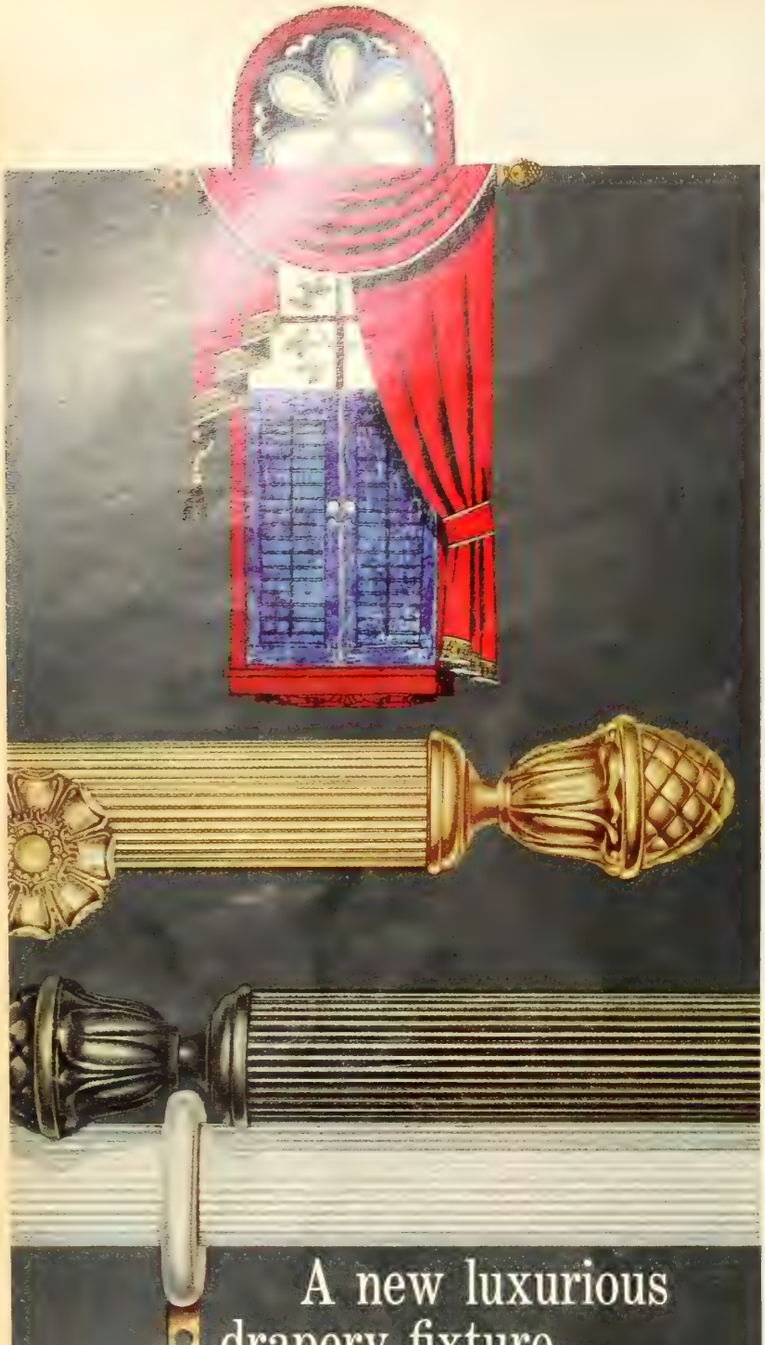
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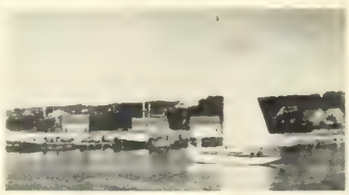
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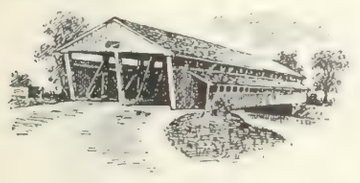
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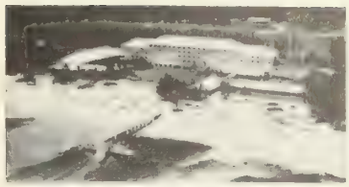
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by Helena Burke

EDITOR'S NOTE: *As the wife of an American journalist, Helena Burke has kept house in many parts of the world, including Greece. Although she and her family now live in the Italian Tirol, she retains a fond feeling for the sunny isle of Corfu.*

"Although I have seen so many lovely places . . . from wherever I return, in the end I say: here is the most beautiful spot on earth," wrote the Empress Elizabeth of Austria from Corfu. The Empress was not exaggerating, for this soft and peaceful island must indeed be one of the most beautiful of the world's many beautiful places. I saw it at what must be surely the best time of year, early autumn, when the heat of summer is tempered, the air is sparklingly clear and the waters of the surrounding sea are still warm enough for sybaritic swimming.

Although it is indubitably Greek, Corfu is unlike any of the other Greek islands I have seen, and has had a different history from most of the rest of Greece. For over a century it was a possession of the Angevins; then, together with its sister Ionian Islands (the six islands that string southward from Corfu), it was ruled by the Venetians during those crucial years when the mainland was under the sterile domination of the Turks. Just as the Turks gave Greece a strong Eastern influence, so the Venetians brought Corfu into the European orbit, and it is this European heritage that has overlaid and softened the special Greek charms of Corfu, leaving even now a kind of Venetian afterglow that is apparent in many ways and places, both in the country and in the town.

Four hundred years of Venetian occupation left a most practical legacy that has influenced the entire physical appearance of Corfu. A bounty was paid to the islanders for every olive tree planted, and olive trees are now the familiar spirits of Corfu. These trees, beautiful beyond any olive trees I have seen in their size and grace, now cover Corfu, and not only invite the rain that is so scarce elsewhere in Greece, but also, with Corfu's many other trees, hold the water in the soil. Corfu is thus a green island, or gray-green in the olive groves, in spring splashed with quantities of wild flowers that grow over every tangled hedge and carpet the fields and woods. (Greece, for its size, has an astounding number of wild flowers, at least 6,000 species, but in few places do they get enough rain to put on the same display as in Corfu.)

The combination of Europe and Greece, so appealing in the lush and gentle landscape, is also evident in the island's capital, the eponymous town of Corfu. Although Italian, German and Allied bombs destroyed a quarter of the town during World War II sweeping away some of the loveliest old buildings and totally burning Corfu's pride, her ancient library—the remaining three-quarters of the town has the air of a cheerful, distinctive island capital. The heavy hand of the late nineteenth century and the heedless one of the twentieth that have been the undoing of modern Athens are hardly visible in Corfu. In essence the old town is a Vene-



Corfu's most famous view, seen from the heights of Kanoni, embraces a wide sweep of bay and two tiny islands—this, appropriately named Mouse Island

tian town, with some important additions by the English and the French, who ensconced themselves there briefly, after the Venetians. The main streets are lined with low arcades, the alleys so narrow that there is no room for sidewalks. All is life and bustle, grocers' and fruit vendors' stalls lining and brightening the streets, loud voices and chattering groups, and the blare of music from windows in the tall narrow houses where one of Corfu's bands seems to be perpetually practicing.

In the heart of the town is a spacious square, still filled with war-bombed ruins. (Restoration is proceeding slowly, for Corfu is poor. A municipal theatre is only now being built to take the place of the one destroyed over twenty years ago.) Here stands the Town Hall, almost uniquely unharmed. Although the exterior is not distinguished, it is well worth visiting to see the finely proportioned interior. The building was built first as a Venetian noblemen's club in 1693, became a theatre in the eighteenth century and the Town Hall in the early Nineteen Hundreds. The former stage is now the reception room, with polished floors, antique furniture and walls hung with portraits of Corfiote notables. Opposite, across the square, are the remains of the Law Courts, still handsome even in desolation, and the ruins of the big Roman Catholic church—the island's tiny Roman Catholic minority must now worship in the unbeautiful church of St. Francis.

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For the Orthodox majority, the Italianate church of St. Spyridon is the chief church not only in the town, but on the island. A few paces from this church you can walk into a totally different world, the sedate world of nineteenth-century England. Edging the old town on the east side, the seaward side, is a vast tree-circled square, the Esplanade. An Englishman, Sir George Whitmore, planned it and razed hilly ground to make a sweeping perspective down to the building he was engaged in constructing, which was to be the British Governor's Palace. Sir George, a colonel of the Royal Engineers, was a man of parts who not only designed the palace, but spent the best part of four years in detailed supervision of its construction. The palace, finally opened on St. George's Day, 1823, provides Corfu with as noble a neoclassical building as you will find in Greece.

When the palace was finished, it also became the seat of the Ionian Senate that governed the islands under the British. In 1863 the Ionian Parliament called for union with Greece, and on May 21, 1864, the British voluntarily handed Corfu and the other Ionian Islands back to the mother country, an achievement for which Gladstone gets most of the credit. The palace then became the local seat of the Greek monarchy and as such it is still largely closed to the public. However, the visitor can not only admire its fine exterior of golden Maltese limestone, but can go inside to see the nobly proportioned entrance hall and sweeping staircase, and the few rooms upstairs that constitute Corfu's museum. The museum has some fine icons, including those of the distinctive Ionian school, and fragments, great and small, of the antiquities that have been dug from the soil of Corfu so far.

Outside the palace the big Esplanade—rather seedy now and in need of replanting and general care—leads to still another foreign element in Corfu, this time a little legacy of France. On one side of the Esplanade runs a tall colonnaded building with café and restaurant tables set under the arches. Look up from your table and you will find something rather familiar about the delicate vaulting above you. This is in fact a replica of the Rue de Rivoli in Paris, hung with the same graceful lamps. Here you can sit and sample a drink unique to Corfu, *tzitzibira*. It tastes a little like English ginger beer, of which it is a descendant, another faint link with long-dead Imperial rule.

Leave the Esplanade by the road to the harbor that passes through the outer colonnade of the palace and you will find a couple of noteworthy old town houses. One, of the Venetian era and now a club, has an outside staircase leading to an arcaded gallery on the first floor, the other was built under the British and has the good proportions of the early nineteenth century and delicate ironwork balconies painted white in contrast to the green shutters. Beyond these houses a ramp leads down to a nameless little seaside café, where the more adventurous can eat (if ordered in advance) a true Corfiote dish, *bourtheto*, fish stewed with a great deal of cayenne pepper. From this little *taverna* you can look up to a fine view of the town, and particularly of the so-called Old Fort, the twin-peaked hill projecting into the sea that is the signpost of Corfu town. One peak is now a modern military fort, the other peak is neglected and grass grown. In the Middle Ages all the town lay in the narrow saddle between the two peaks, and the name Corfu is said to be derived from the Greek word

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for peak (although, just to confuse the foreigner, the Greeks themselves call their island by the ancient name it had when it was a colony of Corinth: Kérkyra).

Corfu has another fortress, called the New Fort, built by the Venetians. This great grim gray structure dominating the fishing harbor repays a climb to the topmost keep for a bird's-eye view of town and harbor, but I find it an uncomfortable place, haunted in some way by its military occupiers of the past.



Relic of a royal past: neoclassic Achilleion Palace of Elizabeth of Austria

Below, and beyond the fishing harbor, the big boats that bring most visitors to Corfu anchor (there is also an airport to the south of the town). From this harbor the main road to the north begins. The road passes by the small suburb of Mandouki—Corfu's only factory area—and at the monastery of Platytera, where the first governor of a free Greece, the Corfiote John Capodistrias, lies buried, it turns to start its indirect course northward. (The narrow winding country roads of Corfu are a trap for the motorist: horse carts, wandering pedestrians, women with their heads rigid under heavy loads and country buses crashing heedlessly along make each bend a hazard.) The road runs near the sea, past marshy flatlands that make this stretch of the coast a poor one for swimming, with here and there great hedges of cactus, the prickly pear thick with fruit. Suddenly a dark line of cypresses emerges, leading to some hidden country house; then at a road junction there will be a group of the typical country cottages of Corfu. Unlike the whitewashed cubes found in the Cycladic islands, these houses are usually two-story, with tiled, pitched roofs and the distinctive feature of Corfu's country architecture: a tiled porch supported on rough pillars and running the length of the house.

After a few kilometers, a fork in the road leads westward across the island's central plain to Paleokastritsa on the western coast, many people's favorite place in all Corfu, where green-blue water curls into a series of bays delineated by high rocky headlands. There are two hotels here, one built by the government, the other privately run; both are famous for their delicious lobster, served grilled or boiled—a rare treat in Greece—and accompanied by a good local white wine, Paleo. The swimming is glorious here, and you can hire a boat to explore the other bays and the cave where the lobsters are kept until they are wanted. You can even choose your lobster and eat it after a swim.

Crowning the hill above the bay, on a promontory facing westward into the Ionian, is the old monastery of Paleokastritsa, a restful spot with lovely views over the sea. The coastline south of Paleokastritsa (this name is a mouthful for the foreigner; it helps to know that the accent is on the i) is blessed with beautiful beaches, many of them still far from any road. Gliphada Beach, a huge crescent of dull gold against pale blue water, can be reached by car, but after the village of Pelekas, the track is so horrible that it is better to go on foot. Around Gliphada, as around the much more accessible Paleokastritsa, modern villas are already springing up. People from all over Europe are following the fashion of buying land in the sun by the sea, and as a consequence, land prices have risen to absurd heights. Money is coming in briskly to a lucky few landholders in Corfu, but for most of the inhabitants there is very little prosperity and life is still a poor and wretched business. It seems paradoxical that the rich-looking earth of Corfu cannot support its small population well, but for a number of reasons, including too much dependence on the olive, this is so. Fishing, which brings at least a subsistence living to other Greek islands, is not important here. The casual visitor can easily overlook this poverty: Nature is abundant and the well-built villages give no hint of squalor. It was only when I was invited into a house in the village of Spartila that it was made clear to me in what manner many country people must live.

Island crafts

Spartila lies on the slopes of the great northern mountain Pantokrator, and its cluster of russet roofs can be seen from afar. The good new road to it winds up in hairpin bends through olive

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In Spartila I visited the home of a man famous as a wood carver. He and his family live in a two-story house so full of gaps in roof, walls and floors that I hate to think of the January winds on that mountainside blowing through. Downstairs was a blackened kitchen, and up some rickety stairs, the living room and single bedroom. A table, a bench, a chest and a bed seemed to be the only furniture. As the wood carver brought out some of his work, the living room filled with villagers anxious to see the foreign visitors and perhaps sell some of their own handwork. The women, dressed in the traditional costume of Corfu as so many country women still are, wore pleated white blouses with voluminous sleeves and over these velvet boleros. Each had on her head a white cloth intricately folded over a cushion headdress. They showed me the bright pink and green and red bands they weave to wear as belts over their long gathered skirts.

Villagers and visitors alike admired the wood carver's work, particularly a distaff delicately carved out of wild olive wood, and then someone begged him to play the violin which hung on the wall —the only thing of value in the house. He began to play without any false hesitation, first some slow Greek dances and then a much gayer lilting tune, the "*Froulana*," another relic of Venetian days. Soon food and drink were passed around, for in Greece the visitor must be offered refreshment however poor the household.

By contrast, I was also invited into a richer village home in Riglades, that of a farmer, far down Corfu in the southernmost peninsula of Lefkimi. The farmer's wife was a cheerful woman, her husband was hefty and ruddy. They could set their table with all their own produce: cheese from their own sheep (*feta*, the Greek national cheese, is excellent in Corfu), bread from their own grain to dip into oil from their own olives and wine from their grapes. (Corfu wines are varied, some good and some very mediocre. This home-pressed wine, although rather sweet, was as good as any I had on the island.)

The ground floor of the house was largely a storage place for great barrels of wine and vats of oil. (Corfu oil is very good. The Corfiotes do not beat the branches of the trees at harvest time, but collect only the ripe fallen olives. This means a smaller crop but, they claim, a much better one.)

Next to the oil vats stood a large loom on which the elder daughter was weaving a rug, following a pattern of stylized ships on a blue, red and white background given to her by Their Majesties Fund, the organization under which she had trained as a weaver. This Fund, sponsored by the Greek Royal family, has revived local crafts and cottage industry throughout Greece, and arranges for the sale of the finished handwork. Handcrafts were in decline in Corfu after the war, and the traditional handwork of Corfu, lacemaking and the embroidering of gold thread on velvet, are arts that have died out and not been revived.



Legacy of France: a colonnaded arcade modeled after the Rue de Rivoli

When a girl graduates from the tutelage of the Fund, she is given wool and a pattern to weave a rug for herself, or rather for that all-important dowry without which no Greek girl can hope to marry. The daughter of the farmer in Riglades had made herself a rug so huge that she was anxious to sell it, for she had no hope of ever living in a house big enough for it! More beautiful as well as more useful than the rug were some of the hand-woven things unfolded for me to see from the dowry chest in the upstairs bedroom. One after another, the contents of the chest were flung out onto the bed: There were summer blankets of wool and cotton in white and off-white, hand-embroidered linen towels, bedcovers and table napkins in intricate patterns made from locally grown linen or from wool from the family's sheep, treated and spun by mother and daughter.

Their Majesties Fund has a shop in Corfu town at 2 Leondos Street, near the Royal Palace,

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where finished handwork is for sale. When I visited the shop, Miss Aliki Voulgari, who runs it, showed me a rug that was an exact replica of the one I had seen unfinished on the loom in Riglades. There were other things from all over Greece, such as the famous [illegible] skirts and delicate embroidered linens from Corfu's sister islands, Ithaca and Levkás. A few doors away, at 110 Capodistria Street, an English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Handley, have opened a small shop called The Royal Palace Boutique as another showcase of Greek products, with the emphasis on jewelry and pottery. They have some striking handmade gold necklaces that hark back to ancient Greek designs. Their pottery is the result of collaboration with local potters who are chiefly occupied with making water pots and oil jars (the modern amphorae), but are glad to try their hands at something new. I particularly liked a wine jug with matching cups in the shape of the tin wine cups found in all Greek taverns, and some decorative white faience tiles with Byzantine bird and fruit motifs in blue and black.

Venetian faïence and Venetian and English antiques of all kinds can be found in various shops around the town, with the widest choice at Macris, 34 Georgiou I Street, again near the Royal Palace, at the end of the "Rue de Rivoli." In the old town, I found in the shop of carpenter Haralambos Nisiotis, 14 Philhellinon Street, some magnificent carved wooden panels, taken from old dowry chests, that were for sale at a very steep price. I saw panels like these, carved with birds and cypress trees, on the walls of a sitting room in what must be Corfu's loveliest hotel, the Castello Mimbelli at Dassia, until recently a private house rebuilt around an old castle. It stands on high ground overlooking the sea, surrounded by a lush garden. Inside, a wide staircase leads up under a coffered ceiling to rooms and halls lined with antique furniture and relics of the chase (the former owner, an Italian married to a Greek, was a great huntsman and organizer of hunts) that give you a glimpse of what the island's stately homes once were like.

Famous villas

A fair number of these fine old houses are still in private hands, and occasionally one of them is for rent. I was taken to see one by Miss Marie Aspioti, a member of an old Corfu family and an expert on many facets of life there, past and present. This house, its handsome late Georgian façade overlooking a well-kept graveled driveway, is described as the Daffodil-Yellow Villa by Gerald Durrell in his charming book about pre-war Corfu, "My Family and Other Animals." When he lived there, it was not only yellow, but, according to him, in a state of melancholy decay. Now it is painted in coolest colors inside and out, is impeccably cared for, and with its backdrop of ordered olive groves, their gray trunks lightened by the gentle pink of clumps of amaryllis, it exudes an atmosphere of prosperous restraint. Another Durrell house stands on a bay to the northeast of the island. Here Lawrence Durrell lived just before the war and wrote "Prospero's Cell," which he calls "A Guide to the Landscape and Manners of the Island of Corcyra." Although Corfu has changed since then, these books make delightful reading and are a good briefing on what to expect in Corfu.

My favorite house on the island stands near the water's edge, hidden, lost in the thick woods. Once it was an old fort guarding the eastern coast. The ancestors of the present owners, fleeing from the Turks in Constantinople, came to Corfu and converted the fort into a house. Low, gray and solid, overshadowed by giant poplars, it functions as a real country house, the center of work as well as of rest. Between the untidy outbuildings and private chapel and the house itself is an old courtyard where I sat admiring the chance color scheme of the peppers that had been hung on the walls to dry, their bright gold contrasting with the pale mauve of wisteria and the paler blue of plumbago. Vaulted storerooms, their dark corners stacked with the implements of farming life and with stored foods and wine, make up the ground floor of the house, while the living quarters occupy the single upper floor. A flight of steps lined with plants leads up from the courtyard, through a glassed-in veranda to a magnificent drawing room with floors of wide oak boards. Venetian and English antique furniture, dim mirrors and ancestral portraits. Everything gleams from years of polish and care; throughout the entire house there is an air of repose grounded in history.

Perhaps the most curious building on the island is a large white villa that stands on the heights above the village of Gastourion, southwest of Corfu town. Emperor Franz Joseph's wife, the Empress Elizabeth, beautiful but unstable, decided that Corfu alone could offer some peace and solace in her unhappy life, a life of con-

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Negotiating through an obstructive chain of court officials and ambassadors, the two Emperors at last reached an agreement in 1907 and Wilhelm took over the Achilleion. He refurnished the interior, as he says "in the manner of the Roman Imperial period, yet in the simple style of a summer house," and to the existing statuary in the garden he added a gigantic likeness of Achilles as a warrior, quite outshadowing the marble statue of the dying Achilles that Elizabeth had installed. On the base of the statue he had written: "To the greatest of the Greeks, from the greatest of the Germans" (an inscription since removed), and then he invited the people of Gastourion and other neighboring villages to the unveiling. The Corfiotes were confused by the enormous statue, not being able to read the name or dedication underneath, and concluded that because of its size, it must represent a saint. Knowing that Wilhelm was a Protestant, they speculated on who this Protestant saint could be, and finally decided on Luther. This upset Wilhelm a good deal, until he was able to convince himself that Luther and Achilles had a lot in common.

Wilhelm had to leave the Achilleion with the coming of the First World War. Now despite the late King of Greece's interdict on gambling, it has been bought by a German company and is indeed a casino. One room has been put aside as a museum and houses rather sad mementos of the Austrian Empress and German Emperor, her portraits, his stool in the shape of a saddle, his book of memoirs open on his desk.

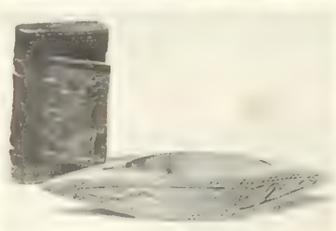
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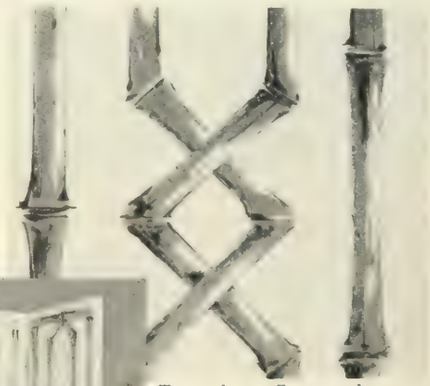
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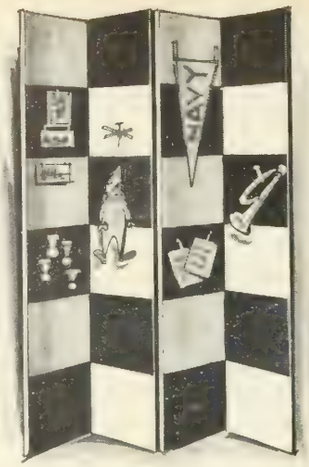
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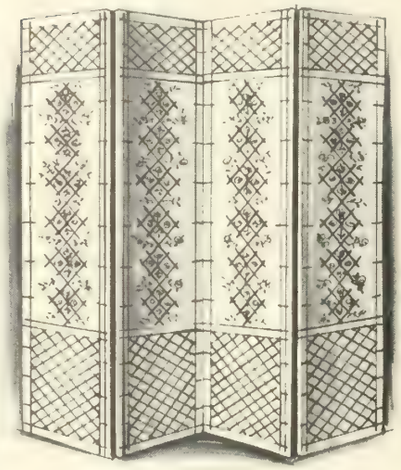
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A pin-up checkerboard for a young boy's room

You might finish a screen to double as a handy bulletin board by facing the panels with cork squares. The squares come in sixteen pretty colors, and you attach them easily with linoleum paste. For a screen such as this one of panels 80 inches tall by 12 inches wide, you need twenty-four 12-inch squares by Gotham Materials.



Trellises of roses for a young girl's bedroom



For a fresh, flowery screen for a bedroom, you might mix two wallpaper patterns—a plain trellis and a rose-hung trellis—on a screen of panels 68 inches tall by 17 inches wide. First, paint all edges of the screen white or cover them with white ¾-inch self-adhesive tape. Mark off the screen into three sections—an 8-inch-deep section at the top, an 18-inch section at the bottom, leaving a 42-inch space in the center. Apply the plain trellis to the top and bottom sections, the patterned trellis to center. Wallpaper by Schumacher.*

Mural screen to mark off a little foyer

In a one-room apartment, you might create an entrance foyer with a screen and cover the panels with a Venetian mural. For a screen of four panels 72 inches tall by 18 inches wide, you could use four complete scenes to cover both sides of screen. First, paint screen edges and a 1-inch border all around in neutral gray to match color of houses in mural. Cut the four scenes in half and apply to the upper part of each screen panel. For lower part of each panel, use the 12-inch-deep balustrade dado. Wallpapers, James Seeman Studios.*



A block design to screen a kitchen

To make a handsome room-divider screen, such as this one of panels 68 inches tall by 17 inches wide, you might use a Colonial wallpaper plus a lower border of paint. First, measure 18 inches up from bottom of screen and paint that section. Apply wallpaper to upper part of each screen panel, placing strips so that the motifs alternate within rows. Finish off dividing line between paper and paint with an extra piece of leaf border. Stencil wallpaper by F. Schumacher & Co.*



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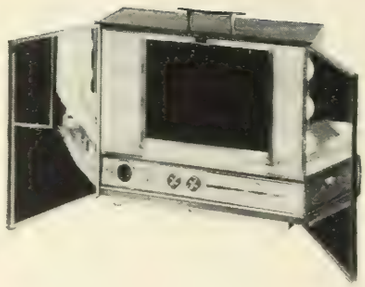
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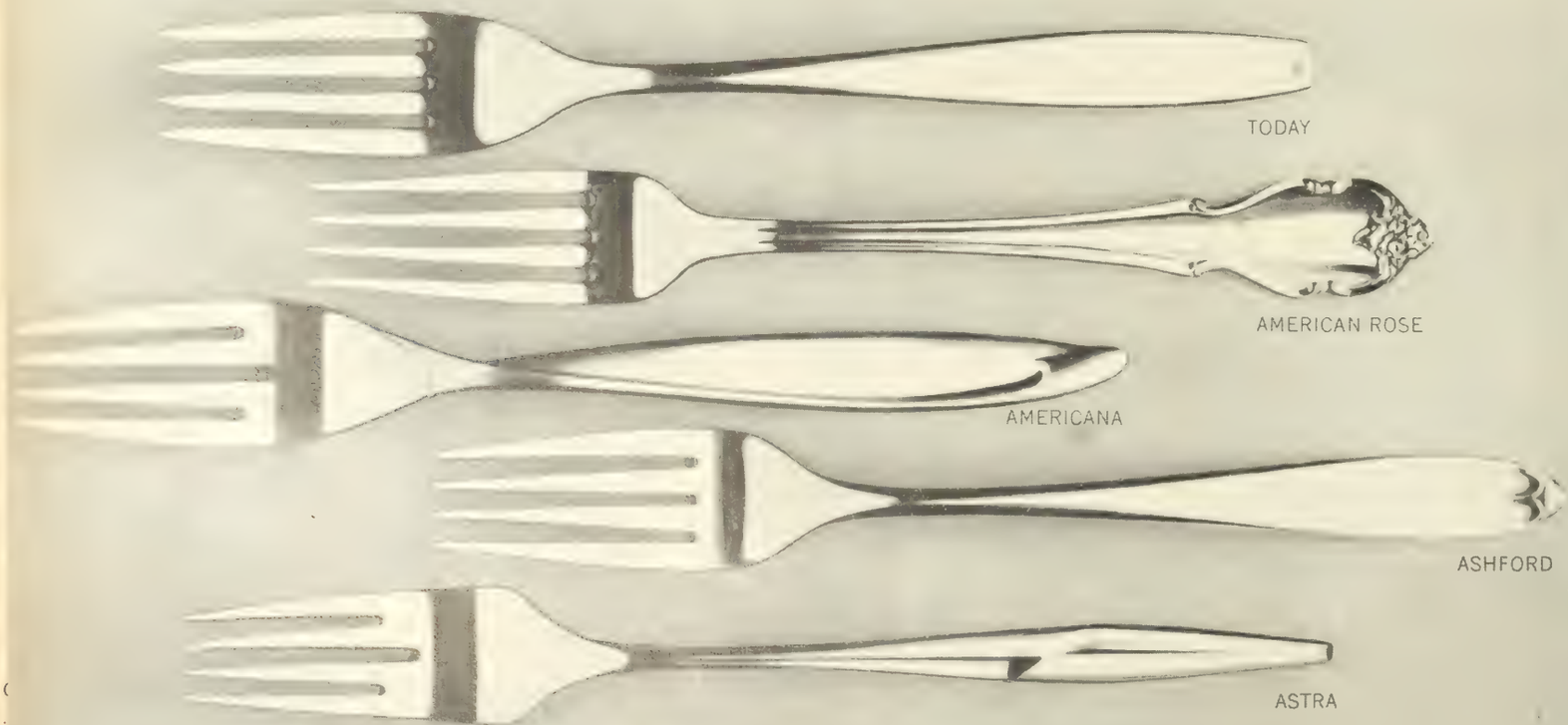
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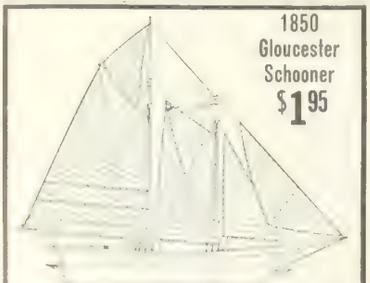
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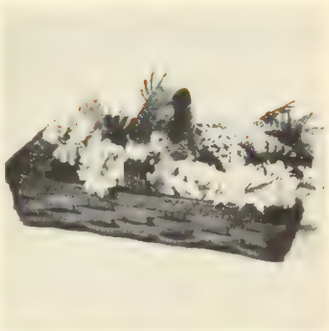


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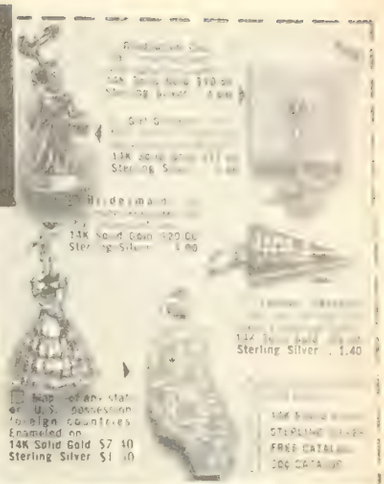
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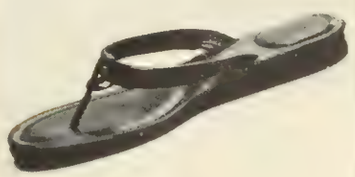
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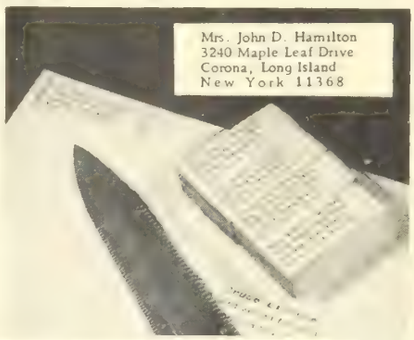
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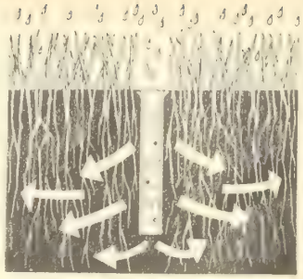
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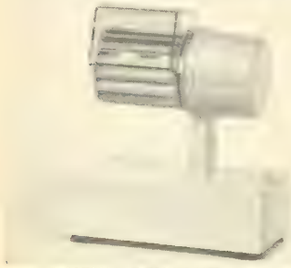
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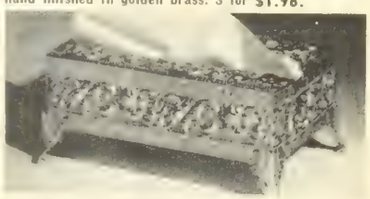
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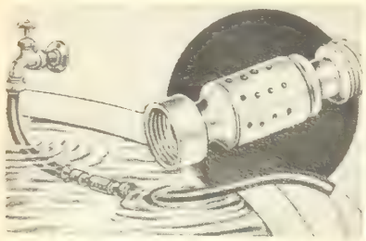
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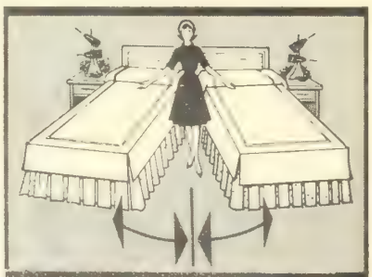


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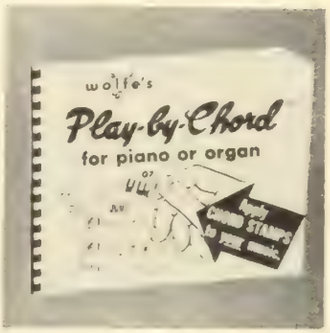


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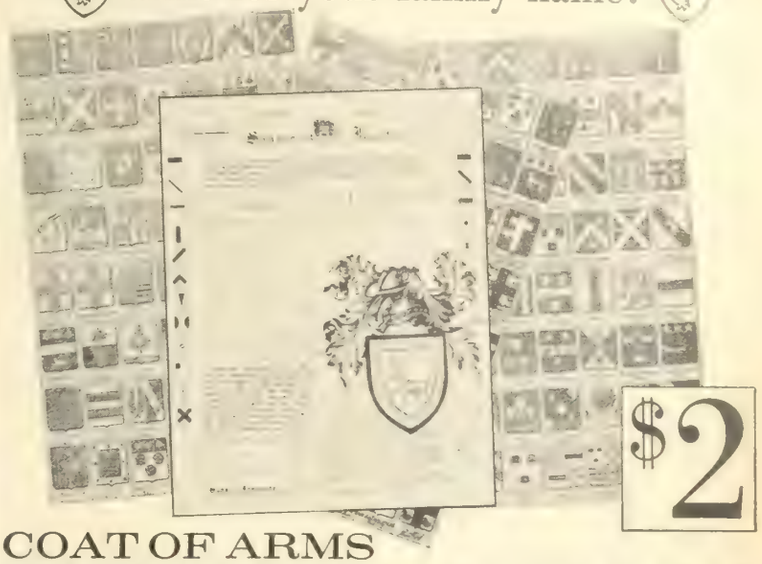


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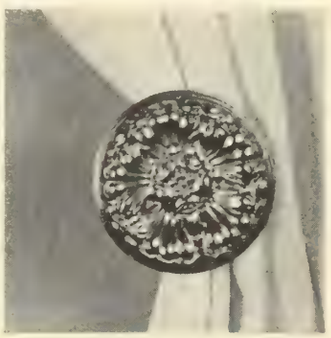
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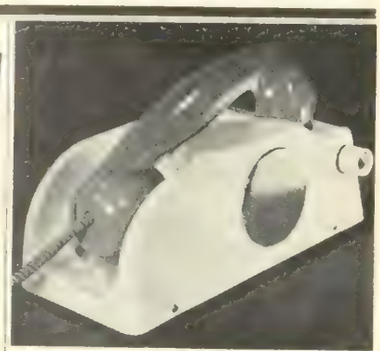
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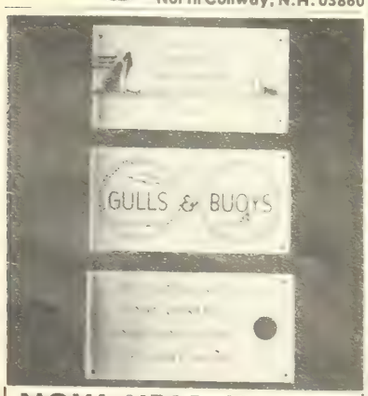


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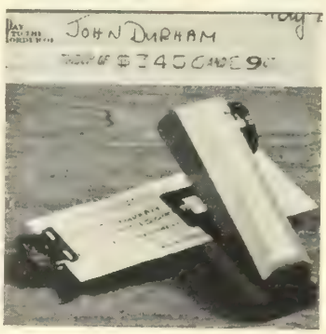
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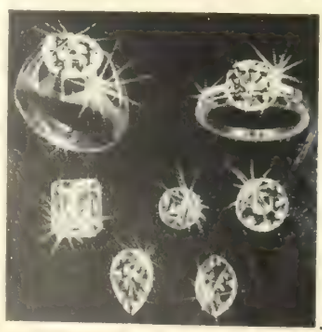
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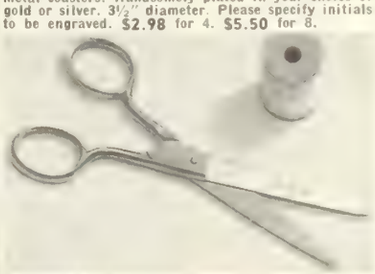
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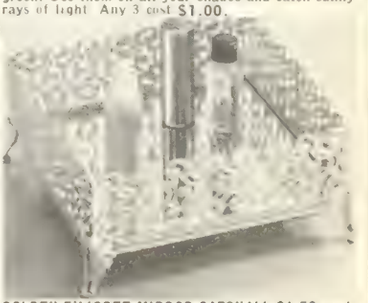
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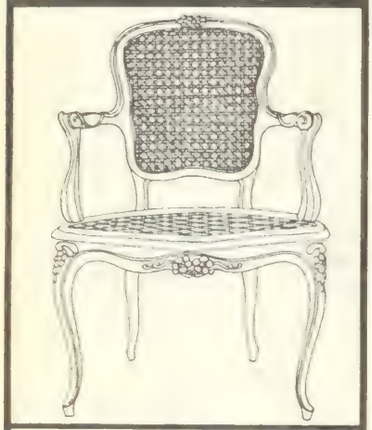
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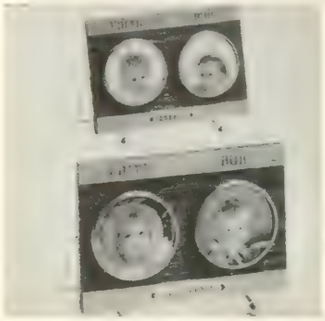
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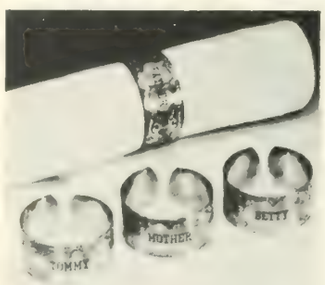
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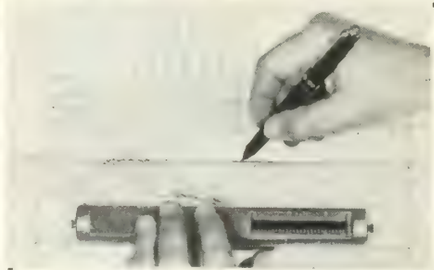
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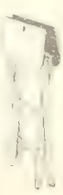
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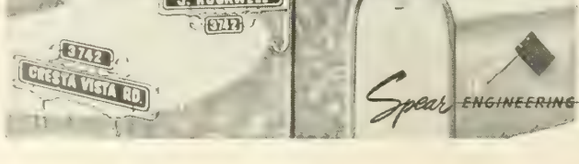
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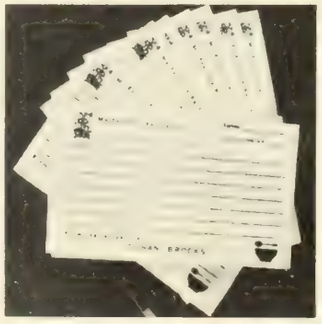


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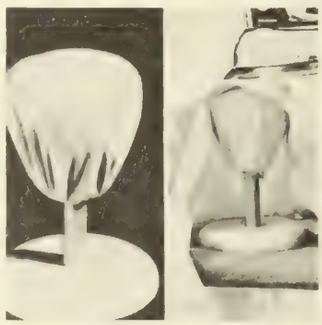
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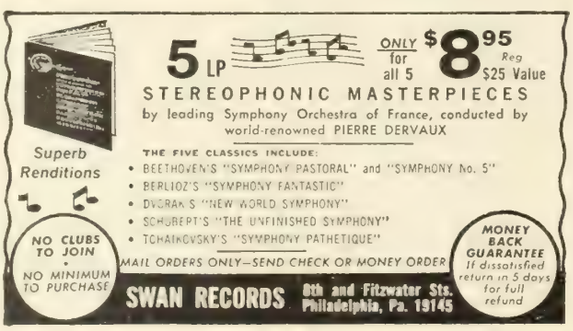
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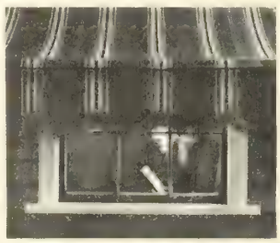


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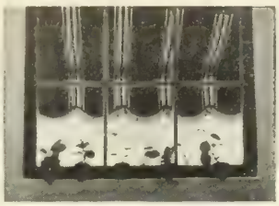


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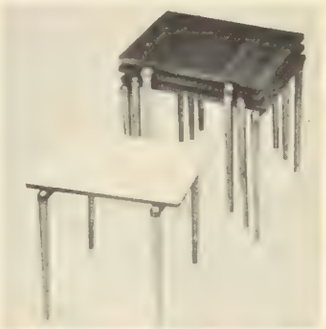
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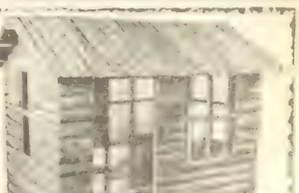
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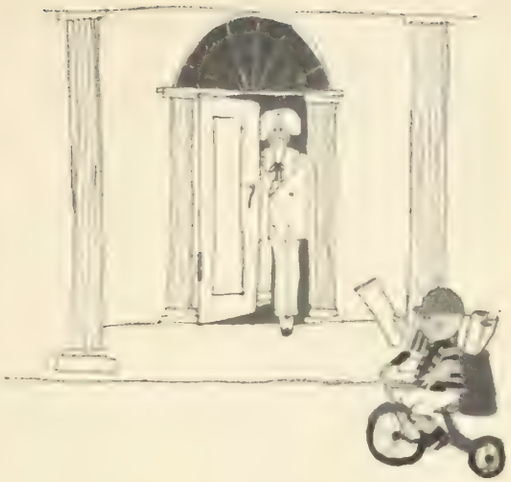
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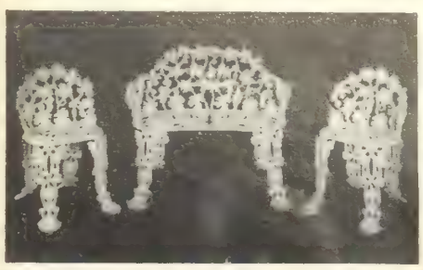
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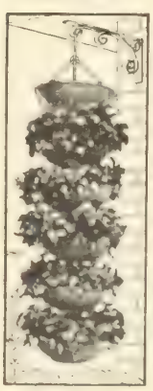
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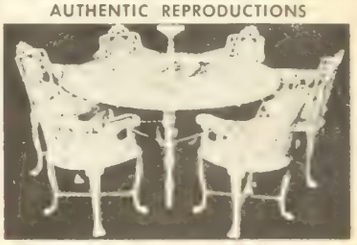
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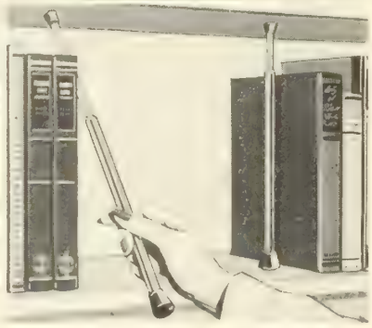
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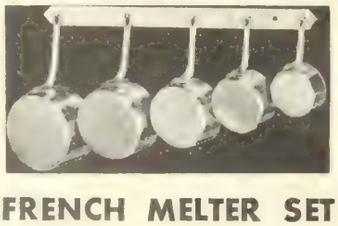
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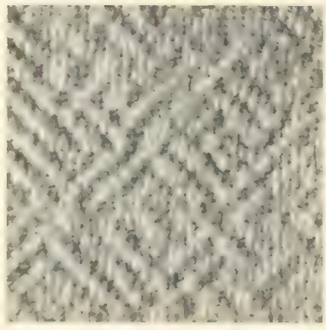
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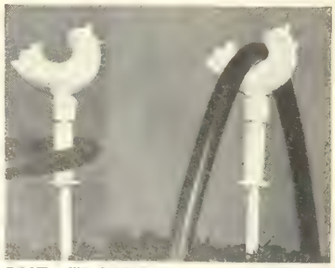
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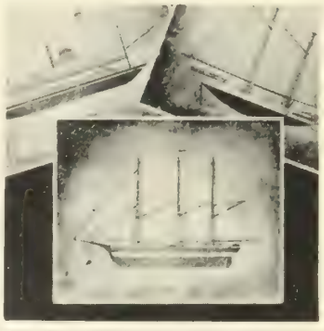
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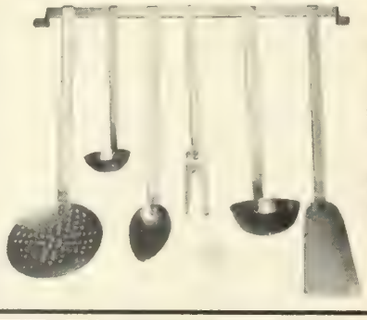
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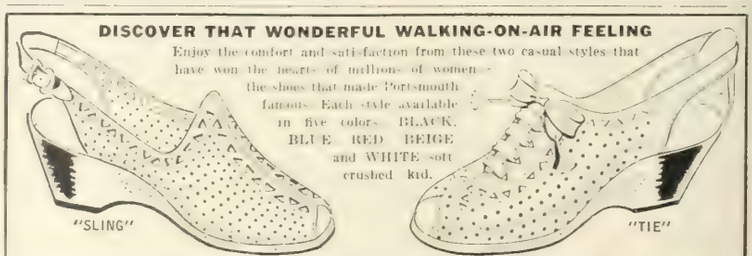
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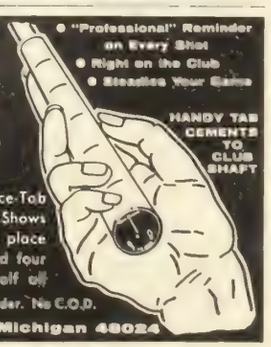
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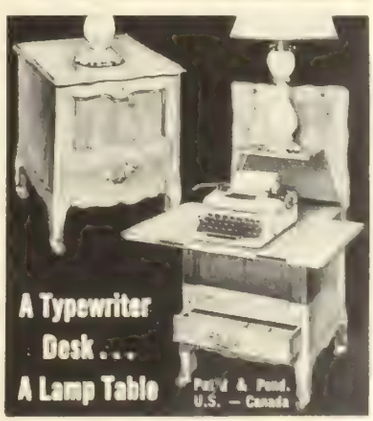
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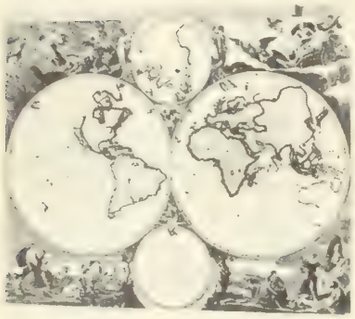
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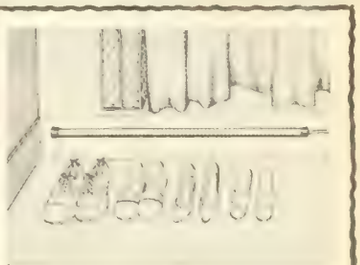
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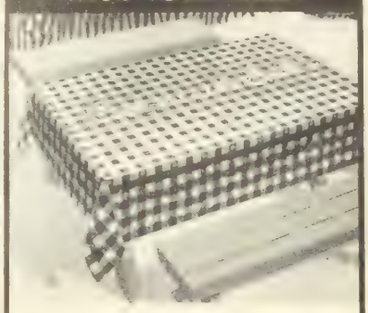
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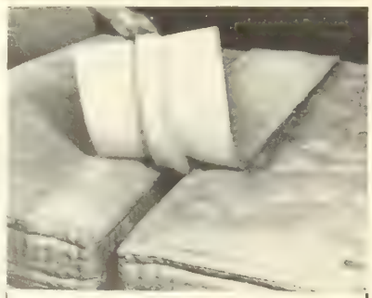
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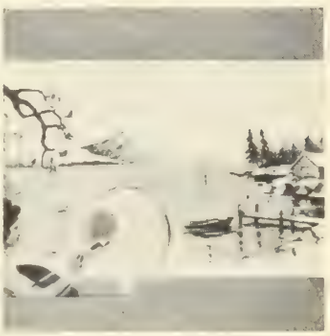
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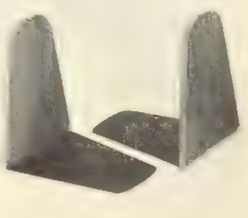
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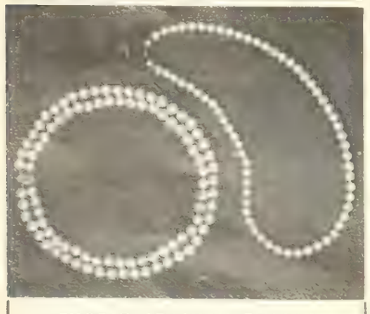
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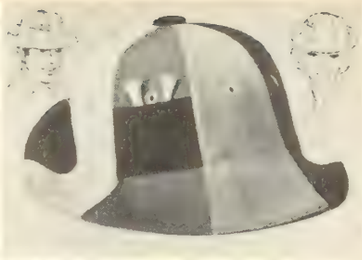


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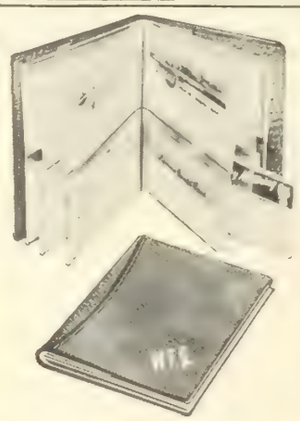
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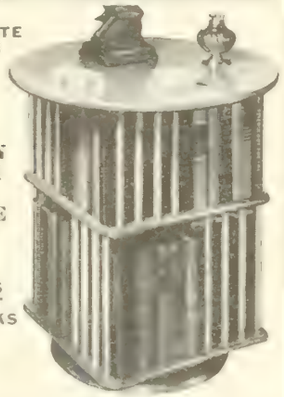
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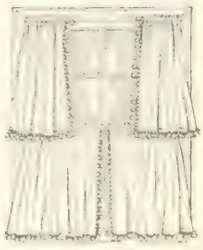
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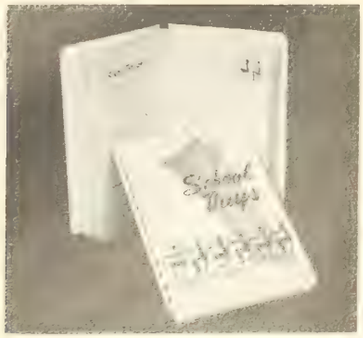
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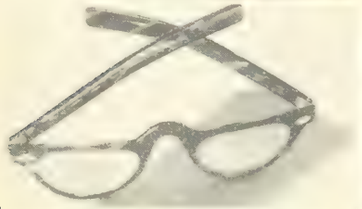
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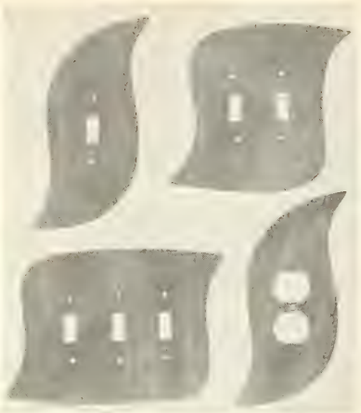
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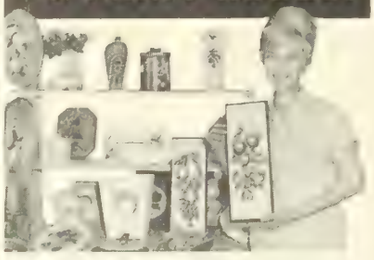
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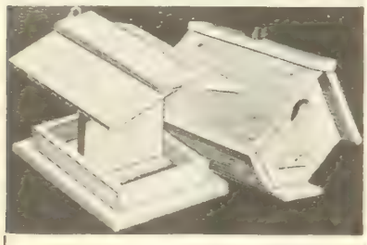
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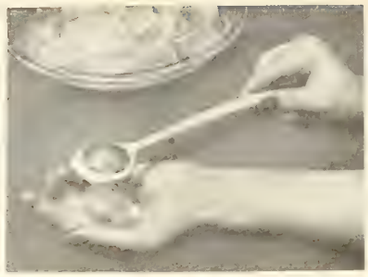
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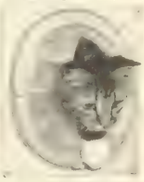
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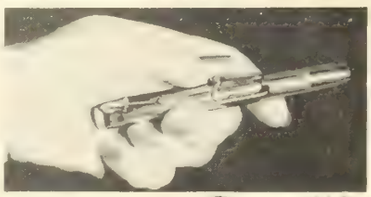
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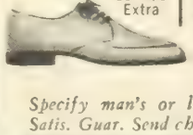
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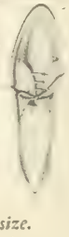
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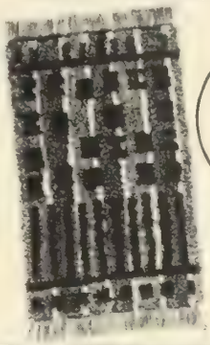
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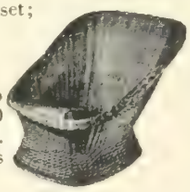
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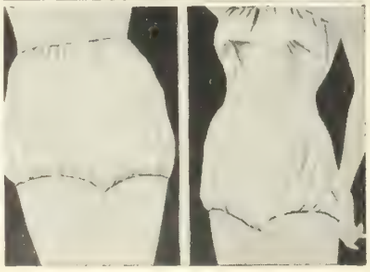
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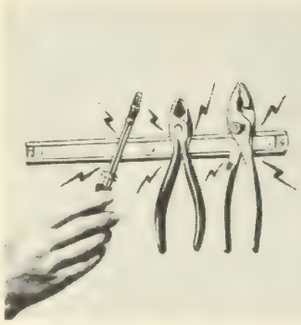
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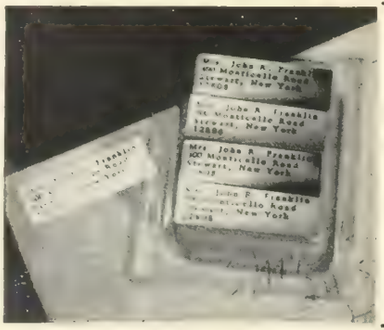
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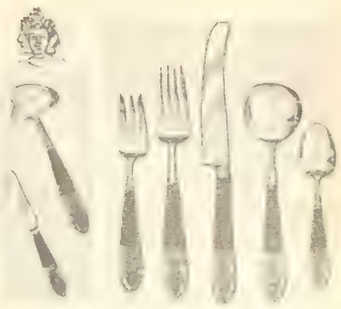
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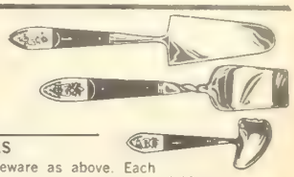
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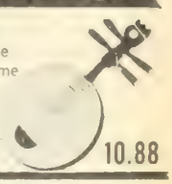
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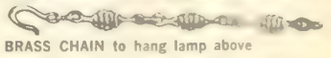
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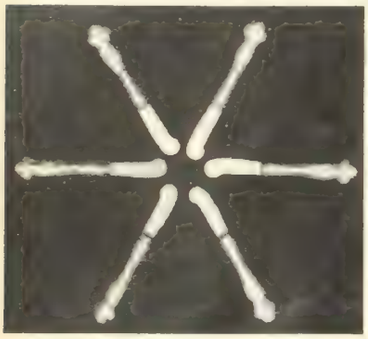
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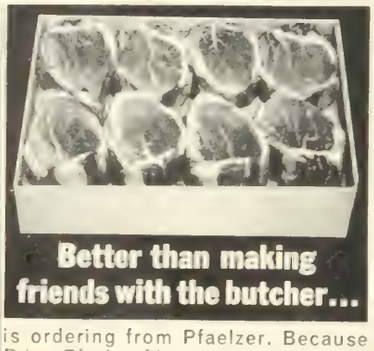
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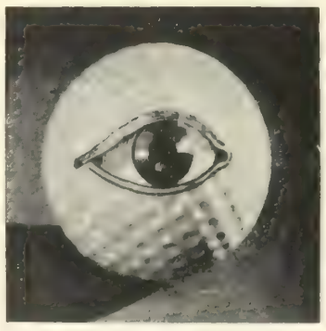
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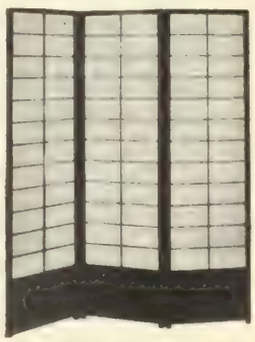
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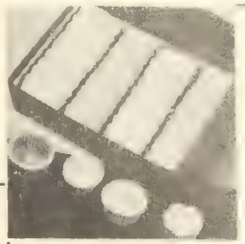


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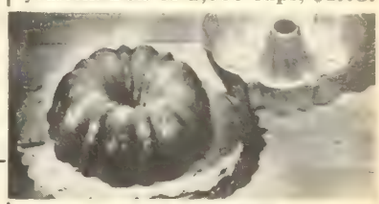
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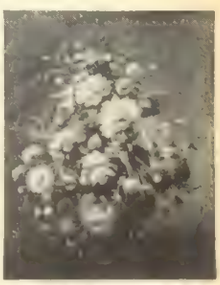
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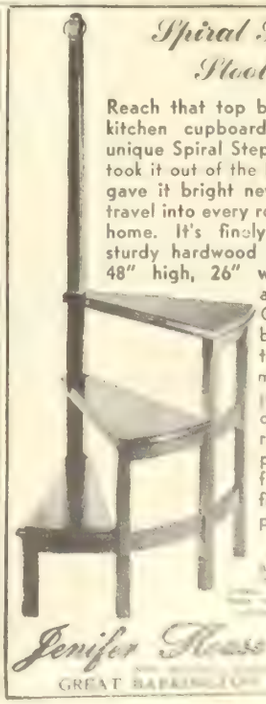
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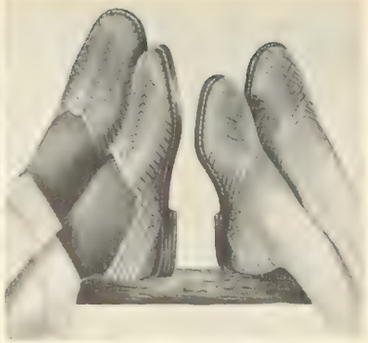
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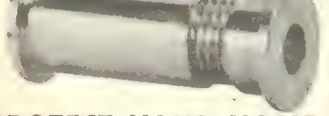
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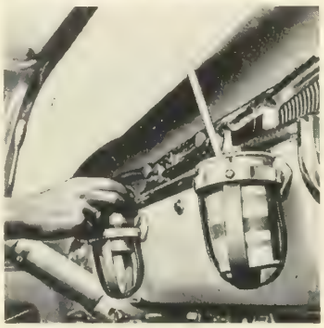
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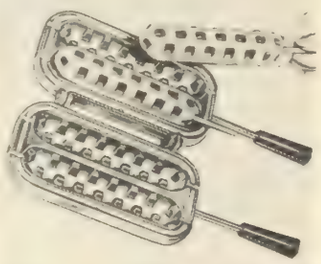
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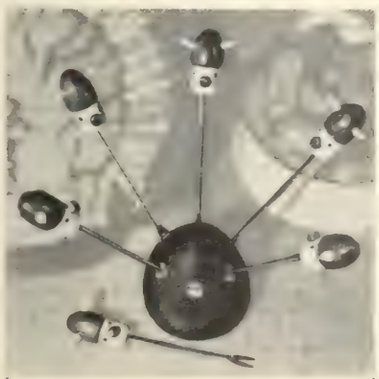
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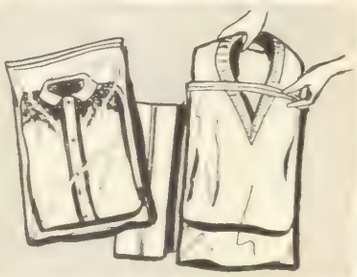


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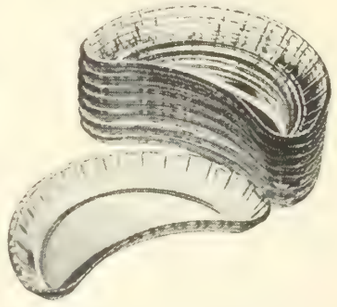
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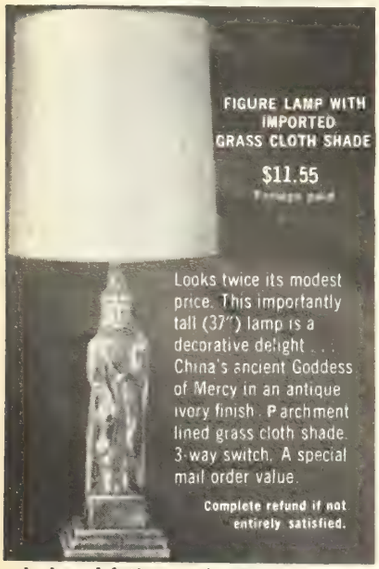
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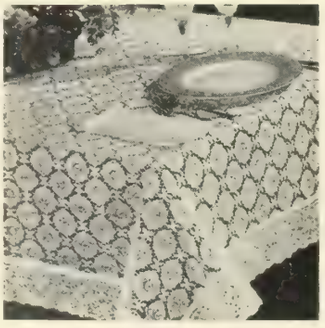
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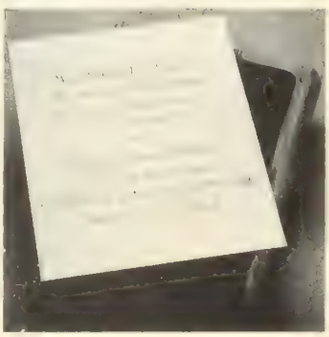
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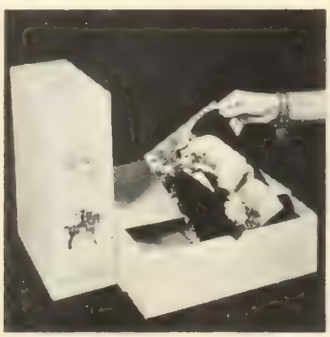
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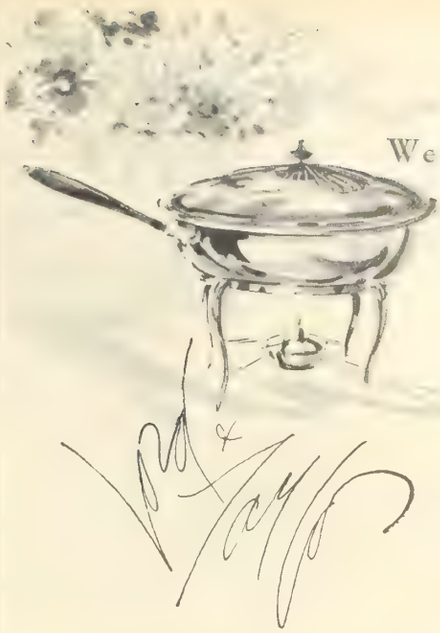
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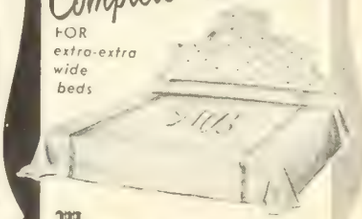


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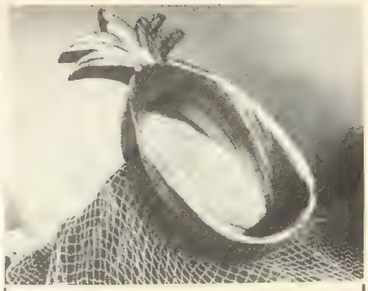
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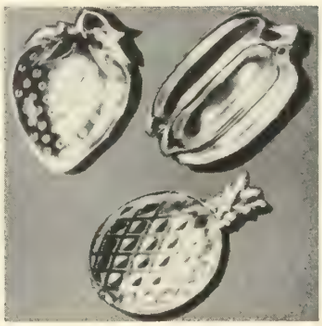
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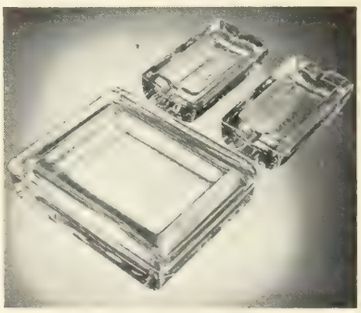
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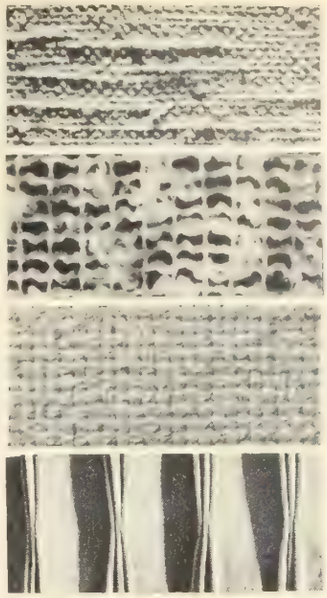
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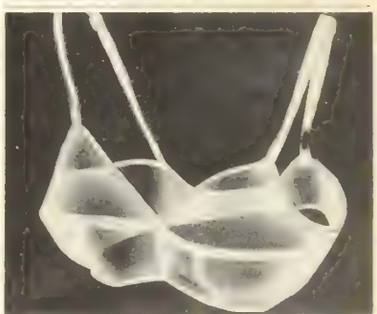
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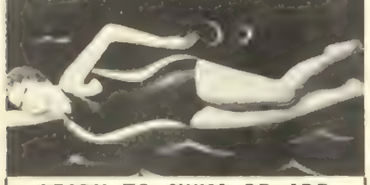
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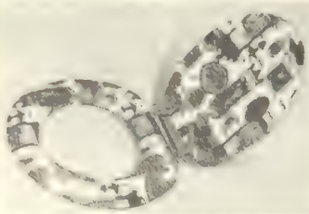
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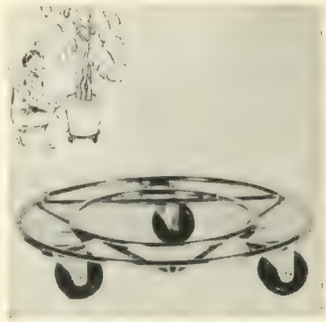
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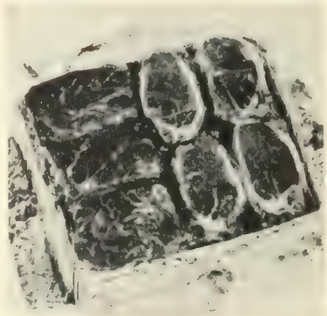
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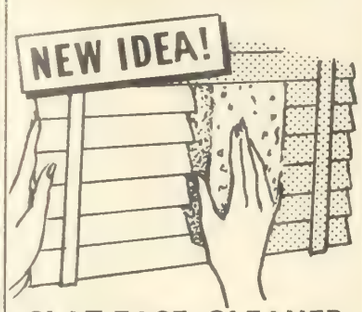
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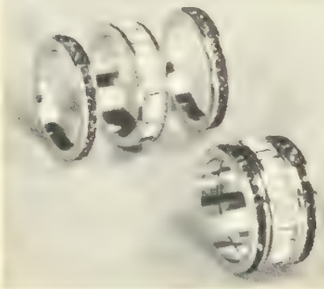
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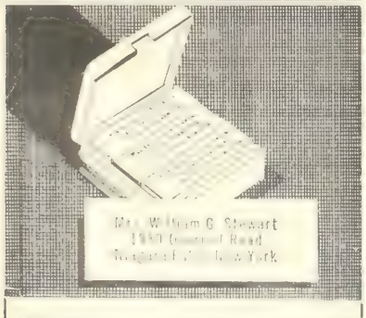
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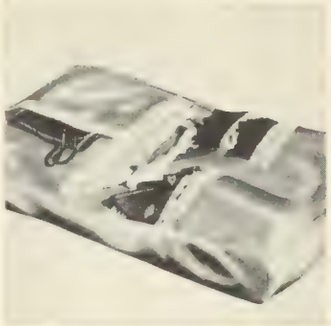
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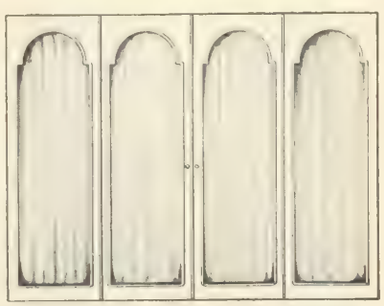
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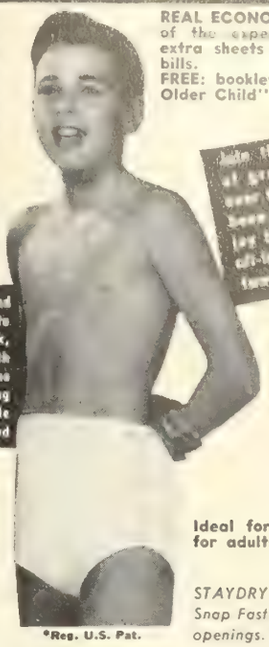
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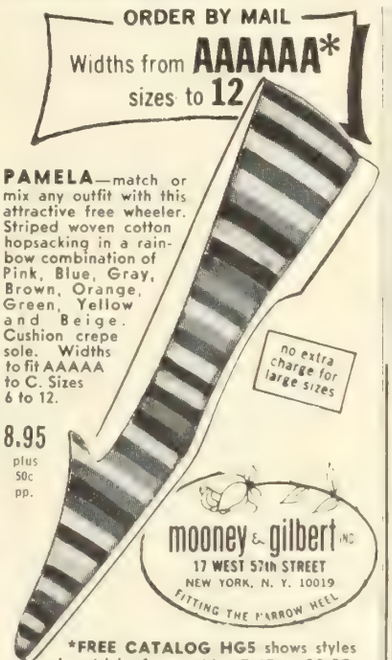
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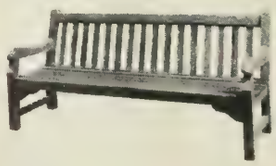
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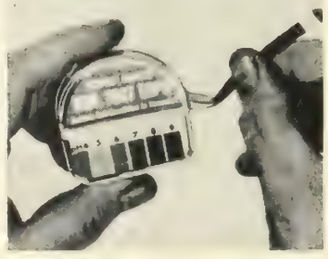
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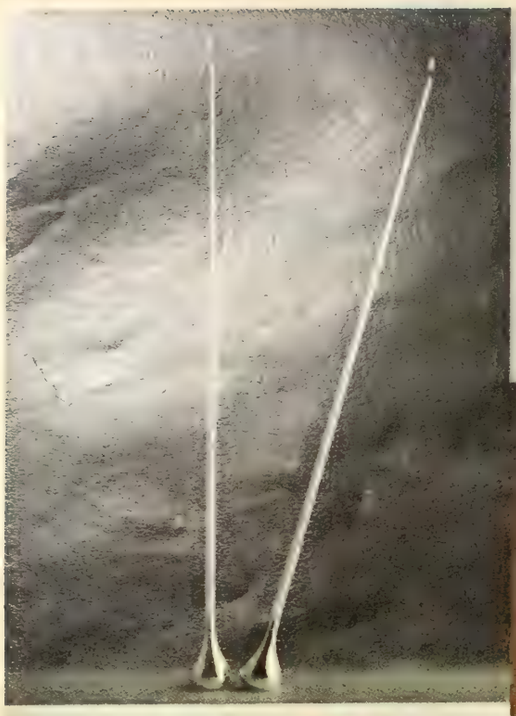
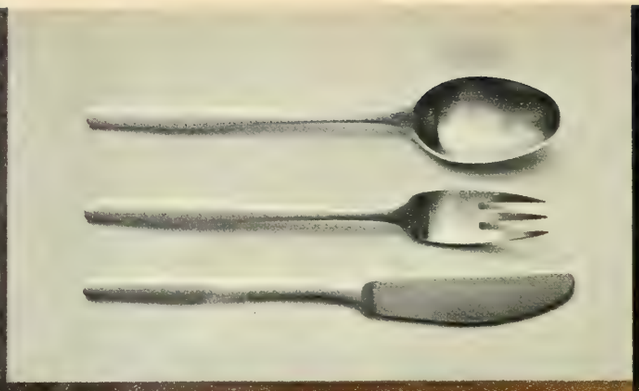
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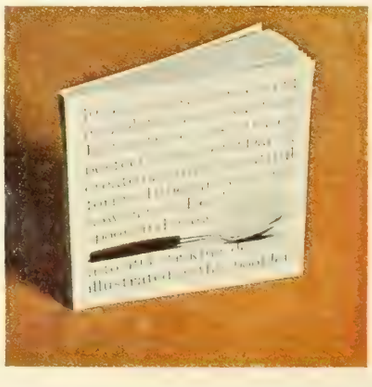










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"The youth of America," quipped Oscar Wilde, "is their oldest tradition. It has been going on now for three hundred years." Having changed its meaning somewhat since Oscar Wilde's day, this "oldest tradition" bids fair to go on a thousand years more. No one denies that Americans idolize youth. We make heroic efforts to preserve youth. But we often fail noticeably to take advantage of what young people, themselves, have to offer.

For instance: How often at a party given by a middle-aged hostess do you meet a young couple under 25 (or even under 35) who are not members of her own family? Yet adventurous party-givers have discovered there are few surer guarantees of a lively evening than a good sprinkling of youth among the guests, especially when there are no filial or parental ties to inhibit young or old and everyone is on equal footing as a valued friend of the house. At such parties the mature are jolted out of their complacency and the young out of their cynicism. Old eyes sparkle, forgetting they were so recently tired, and young eyes widen, forgetting they had been thinking the world unfriendly. Every guest is secretly flattered to have been invited to these parties, and goes home feeling a little better about himself. But they are rare.

Even more disturbing examples of our failure to appreciate youth are the new retirement communities specifically planned for physically able and financially independent couples whose children have grown. In part, their premise is sound. House & Garden has always believed, for instance, that couples in their "years of independence" should have houses with easy plans, easy upkeep and easy long-term maintenance that will free their time and energies for the more creative interests they were formerly too busy to pursue. (But in the new retirement communities, we have seen houses so short on storage, we can only assume the planners expect buyers to divest themselves of their lifelong accumulations of belongings before moving in.) We also believe it is sound to plan communities—as some of the better retirement cities have been planned—in which the routine of living is made easier by nearby shopping areas, prepared meals for those who don't want to cook, readily accessible medical facilities. (But many of these conveniences would be welcomed by young people, too, especially by young mothers during the strenuous early years of childbearing and infant care.)

We grant that all of us have need now and then for an exchange of sentiments and symptoms with those whose sentiments and symptoms are exactly like our own. What can happen when we live exclusively with people "just like us," however, we have learned from the stories of boredom and discontent in certain postwar suburbs where every family is at the same stage of life as the family next door. If young families find this stultifying, how much more shortsighted it is to relegate older couples—or for them to relegate themselves—to communities where no one under 50 need apply and no children under 18 are welcome.

House & Garden is convinced that youth's freshness of viewpoint, youth's challenges, even youth's rebelliousness are what stimulate the continual self-renewal that makes life exciting and truly worth living. Dutiful visits from children and grandchildren can never take the place of a daily exchange with young neighbors and friends. Why should the retired have [illegible] of it?

If youth, as GBS claimed, is wasted on the young, surely those who are no longer [illegible] have a right and a reason to make the most of it.

TWO SMALL

Quite like Abraham Lincoln's view on important principles, a good house—particularly a small house—not only may, but *must* be flexible. Big houses, born full-grown, rarely trouble their families with growing pains. But small-house families—especially those expanding not only numerically, but dimensionally—can know the pangs so intimately that to cope is almost impossible unless their architects have been thoughtful enough to provide built-in adaptability to change. Additional space, naturally, is the most important need—but not the only problem. As children mature and parents allow themselves more self-indulgence, family points of view, tastes and requirements alter just as inexorably as the patter of little feet changes into the thunder of clodhoppers, none the less loved, but infinitely pleasanter at a distance.

Adaptability to change is not always lacking in an old house, but usually the exchequer suffers less if the propensity for change has been planned from the beginning as it was in these two houses. Both are small now, were moderate in cost, and, in utterly different ways, designed to fit both the present and future needs of their families. In the first, additional space already exists in a semi-dormant state. Expansion will take place simply by bringing it to life. In the second, change is to be effected by the addition of a little companion pavilion which will be dovetailed to the main house with a precision preordained since the day the plans first saw light on the drawing board.



1 Hillside house destined for change

Hung like a falcon's nest on a mountainside in Mill Valley, Calif., our first house-to-grow-in was designed for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Miller by architects Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller. Viewed from across the valley, it has the perkiness of a storybook chalet—a delightful look sparked by four steep glass gables, one of them huge, which pop up in sharp, serrated silhouette over the flat roof to light two sides of the living room and kitchen and one side of each bathroom. In the living room, *opposite page*, the north gable forms a vast 23-foot-high window wall to capture the full sweep of the superb view.

In its present form, the house offers the Millers and their four small children exactly 1,692 square feet of livable space—all of it on one level, every inch of it carefully disposed. Comfortable and workable for now, the house will always be visually gratifying. But although it has only two children's bedrooms (tolerable for toddlers, not so fine for teen-agers), no guest room and a kitchen that could profit nicely with more space, more storage, the Millers do not fret. They know that when the children really start to shoot up, the demands of expansion can be answered with an architectural drop of a hat—downstairs. (*Continued*)

The living room will remain as it is today ▶

HOUSES
DESIGNED TO GROW





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The entrance deck is below the road, and the carport is like a little platform that seems to be hung in the trees.

TWO-PHASE PLAN: THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION IS BUILTIN

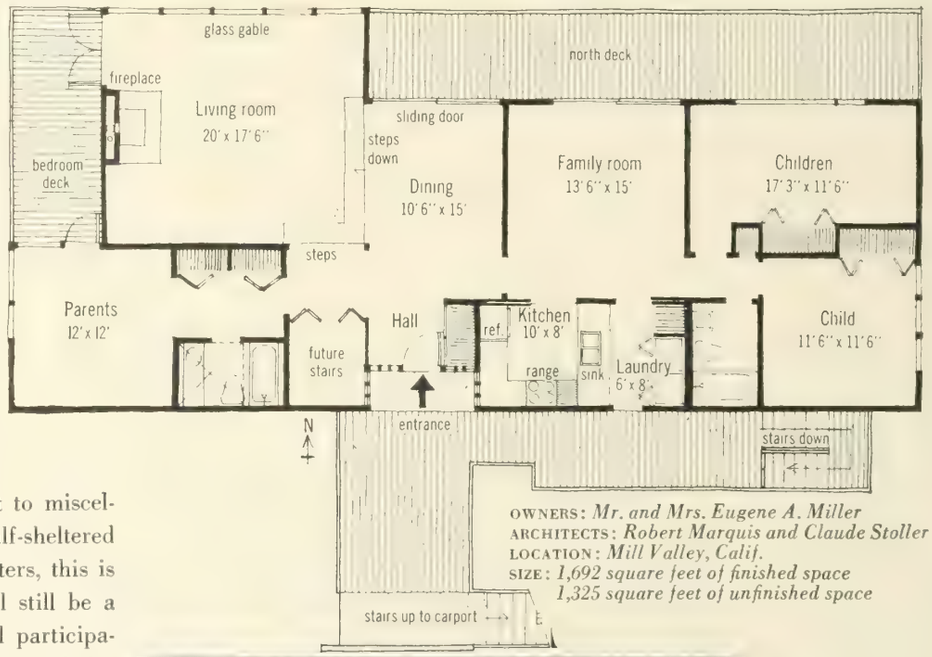
With a derring-do that astonishes New Englanders, a Californian will build his house anywhere at all as long as it commands a view. The Millers, running true to form, approach their aerie from a mountain road above it, park their car in an airborne carport, descend to one of three decks that almost girdle the house and enter their front door, *opposite page*. Before them (see unshaded plan, *right*) is the living room's raised platform that is used for dining and—two steps down—the living room itself. The Millers' own bedroom and bath lie at the left of the tiny foyer; the family room, kitchen, children's bedrooms and bath at the right. This, for now, is the Miller's cozy castle.

But downstairs, on another level made possible by the steep declivity of the mountainside, is another two-thirds of a house —a sweep of space devoted at the moment to miscellaneous catchall storage and a half-open, half-sheltered play area, *below*. Awaiting only the carpenters, this is eventual spreading-out territory. There will still be a playroom, but one that allows for parental participation. There will also be three bedrooms and a bath for the children, banks of closets, a gigantic storage room and a new spot for the laundry. Plumbing (minus fixtures) is already installed, and a staircase from the foyer will be constructed to add descent under cover.

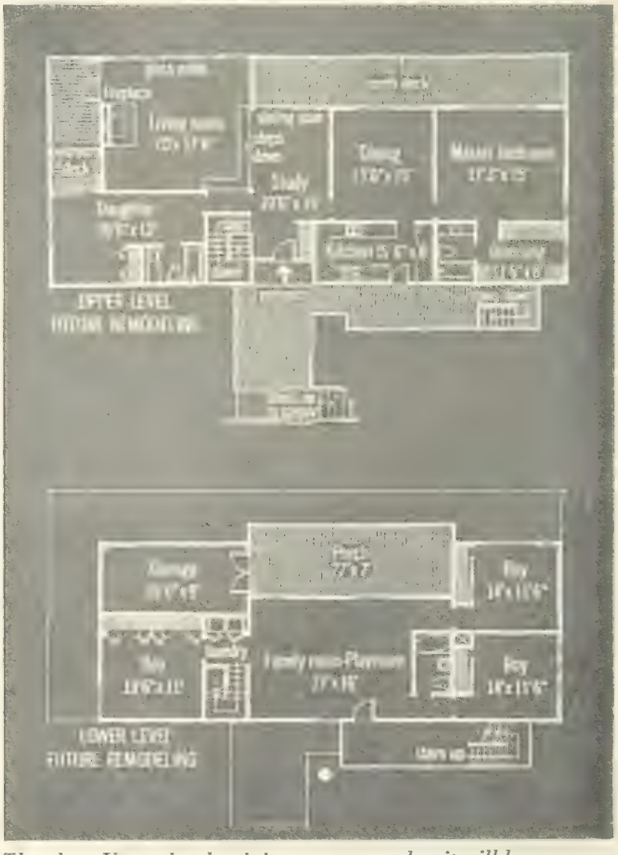
Upstairs, expansion will take a luxurious turn. With little more than a shift of closet and cabinet partitions (see top of shaded plan), the children's present bedrooms will become the parents' bedroom and dressing room. The kitchen, having lost its (*Continued*)



Lower-level bonus in space is now a semi-open playroom.



OWNERS: *Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Miller*
ARCHITECTS: *Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller*
LOCATION: *Mill Valley, Calif.*
SIZE: *1,692 square feet of finished space*
1,325 square feet of unfinished space



The plan: Upper level as it is now, TOP, *and as it will be revised,* CENTER; *lower level as it will be converted,* BOTTOM.

The house from the carport: The gables are perched like cocked hats.





Main deck borders a bedroom, the family room and the dining area.



Parents' deck forms a snug L between living room, master bedroom.

THE SUN ALWAYS SHINES ON ONE OF THREE DECKS

laundry to the lower level, will be roomier, and the parents' bedroom will be turned over to the Millers' daughter or, when she is away at school, to guests. The dining platform will become a study, and the family room, a full-time dining room.

Although set in a corolla of trees that form four densely green walls, the Millers' house has none of the feeling of being drowned by a forest. Since these are tree*tops*, not trunks, the sun pours down on the three open decks, flooding them and the house with light. Sliding glass doors of the platform dining area, *opposite page, top*, the family room, *far right, below*, and one of the children's rooms open on the main deck, *above*, to keep nature at hand and make sun-bathing a breeze. The Millers' bedroom has a little deck of its own, *right*, parentally private. The entrance deck (page 127) is both a "front porch" and, with its little staircase, the only means of access to the lower level.

Two uncommon but inexpensive materials used in the house are the flooring of particle board—planks made of compressed wood chips —and the paneling of copper foil overlaid with redwood battens.



Dining area, a raised wing of the living room, will someday be a study.

Gabled kitchen will expand by almost half.

Family room, where children now eat, will become full-fledged dining room.







2 Tidewater pavilion ready to expand

Hidden away in a tidewater woodland exactly thirty-one minutes from the roar of downtown Washington, D.C., our second house-to-grow-in has a well-tailored quality which won for its architect, Hugh Newell Jacobsen, a national American Institute of Architects' award. Designed as a vacation house, the pretty pavilion with its elegance, ease of maintenance and (for a small house) wonderful sense of spaciousness may lead its family to forsake the city to live, with their 6-year-old son, in their hideaway the year-round.

Only 32 feet square, the house is built on a slope and surrounded on three sides by a deck that adds 1,125 alfresco square feet to 1,024 square feet under cover. Beneath the deck, a plummet's drop away, lies a cove—a handy place to store the family boats for sailing on a nearby river.

Enamored of sailing and the outdoors, the little family is using the house with increasing frequency and constantly making new demands upon it. The 6-year-old has his own room and his parents have theirs, but no other sleeping or guest accommodation is possible—at the moment. An expansion is planned, however, and will take shape, someday, in the form of an enchanting annex—a little offshoot already designed in the image of the parent house.



From below, the house appears to hang above the cove.



LAUTMAN





From the east, morning sun pours into living-dining room and kitchen.

CYPRESS WALLS SUPPORT A CERAMIC ROOF

The front door, eventual joining spot for gallery to new annex.

The exterior and deck of the present house are of old cypress, a wood that weathers beautifully in the tidewater section of the mid-South. When untouched by finish or sealer, it develops a patina that has a look partly of driftwood, partly of mother-of-pearl. The roof is shingled in greenish gray ceramic tiles shaped like old hand-split shakes—pleasantly textured and as hard as flint.

Simple as geometry can make it, the house is beguiling because of its sloping roof which rises to a turretlike peak to frame a 5-foot-square skylight, slightly domed. There is no trim or contrast except, at balanced intervals, the glitter of floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors—quick access to the deck. This regular rhythm is broken in only one spot, the wall of the boy's bedroom, *above*, where the young man regards the world from one or the other of his bunk beds not through windows, but bronze ship's portholes—a dashing way for a 6-year-old to man the ship. (*Continued*)



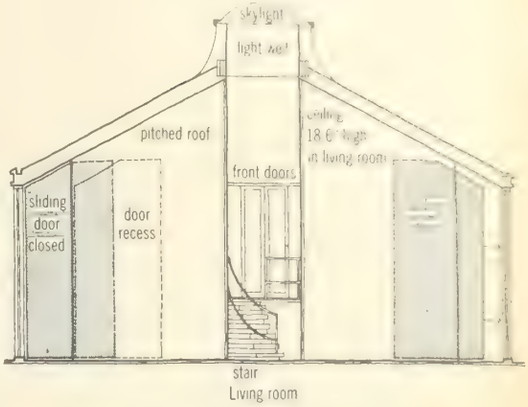
Exactly half the Jacobsen house is given to the living-dining room, a long lofty expanse saturated with light from its waterfront glass wall on one side, the skylight at its inner peak on the other (see section, *right*). Because of the sloping site, the other half of the house is on a higher level, hence the tiny circular staircase up to the entry hall, a passageway that leads to the front door and soars up to the skylight well. Here, walls are paneled in a striation of cypress strips attached to cypress plywood—a cabinetmaker's dream, finished only with wax.

Both the master bedroom and the kitchen are immediately adjacent to the living room (see plan, *below*), and may be shut off, or opened up, by great sliding doors surfaced with plastic laminate and shaped to fit the slope of the ceiling. Closed, the doors become virtual walls; open, they augment the sense of spaciousness.

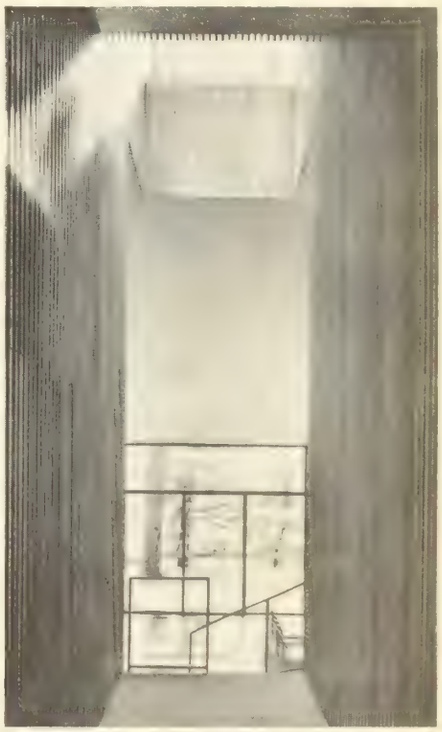
At the moment, the house is quite sufficient unto its needs. But when it has ceased to be so, the annex will be built—another pavilion which will be a reasonable facsimile of the main house, but less than half as big, half as high. A glass-walled gallery—an artery, in a sense, between parent and offspring—will connect the two structures. The addition will house another child's room, a good-sized guest room, a bath and additional storage.

Given the land to make it possible, such an annex would be a space-swelling asset to any house. But this one, planned since blueprint days, will have the same meticulous lines as its larger pilot, so the house, although built in two sections, will end up completely and generically all of a piece.

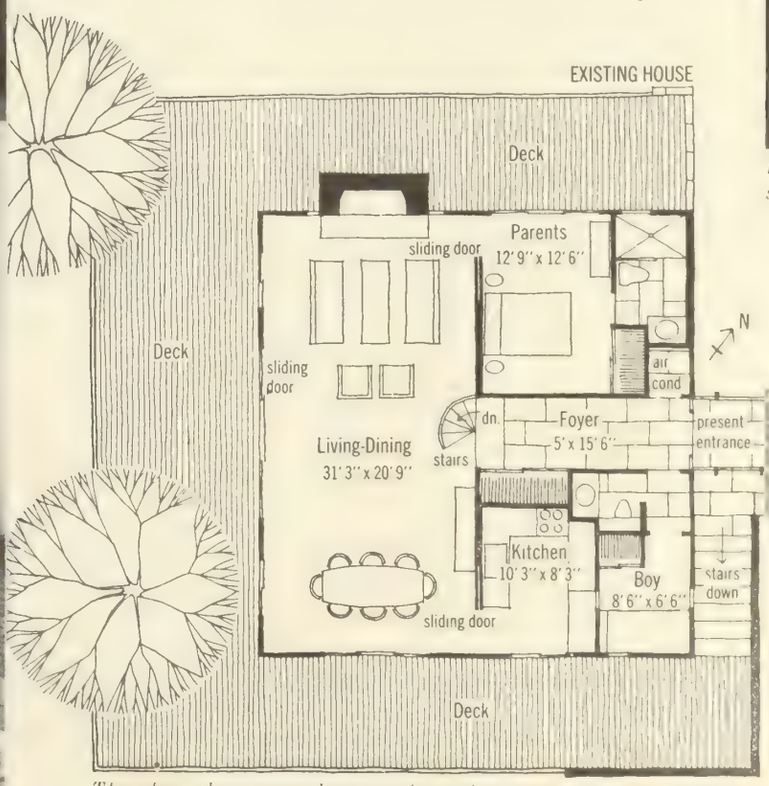
THE HOUSE SOARS UP TO A HUGE SKYLIGHT



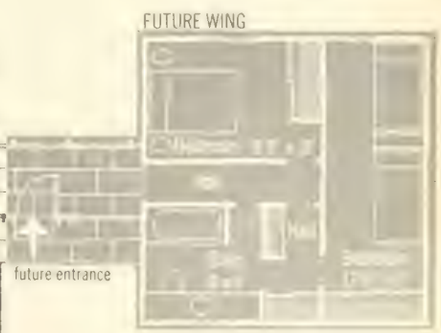
Living room doors are like movable walls



Entrance hall leads to circular stairs that descend to living room



The plan: the present house at left; the annex-to-come, at right.



ARCHITECT: *Hugh Newell Jacobsen*
LOCATION: *Near Washington, D.C.*
SIZE: *1,024 square feet indoors*
1,125 square feet of deck

Black-and-white living room has a dark oak floor, a fireplace of creamy brick.

Five ways to solve
THE LONG-ROOM PROBLEM



GRIGSBY

A room that opens up around us as we step into it, that brims with light, that does not make us feel hemmed in is as gratifying in this crowded age as a lungful of fresh air. Yet, sometimes a very large room lacks form. Its furniture looks scattered and unco-ordinated. The atmosphere feels uncomfortably vacant, uncongenial, for space needs definition in order to be appreciated. A very large room, such as the foyer-living-dining rooms in so many modern apartments, can be much more useful when divided into a series of smaller areas; at the same time, the feeling of spaciousness can be emphasized rather than diminished. You can reshape an awkwardly long space quite simply, either by means of room dividers or by the way you arrange your furniture. You can make the divisions flexible enough to rearrange when you please, or to remove entirely when you want an unbroken sweep of space for a large party. And even though the room is partitioned by inner boundary lines, you can preserve the feeling of exhilarating spaciousness all around you.

Movable book columns divide an L-shaped space into three distinct rooms

The problem of the long room with unbroken stretches of wall was solved in this Manhattan apartment by a series of freestanding walnut book columns. Lined up in trios, they divide the large 29-by-13-foot L-shaped living room into three separate rooms—an entrance foyer, a library and a sitting-dining room. The columns, specially designed to fit the space, were screwed securely to the floor, then removable walnut blocks were wedged tightly into place at the top. Within each trio, the individual columns were spaced a few inches apart (so you can see between them and they look less massive), and the shelved sides were turned toward the central library area. At one end of this area, *opposite page*, two trios of columns, each pushed against a side wall, leave a doorway to the elegant little sitting-dining room, *above*, where their finished walnut backs make a smooth, simple wall. To distinguish between the sitting and dining areas, the dining alcove was wallpapered and (*Continued on page 136*)


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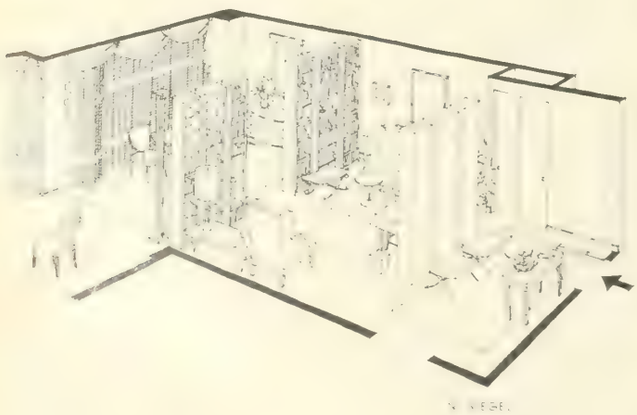


Two-face, two-way book columns compose see-through walls

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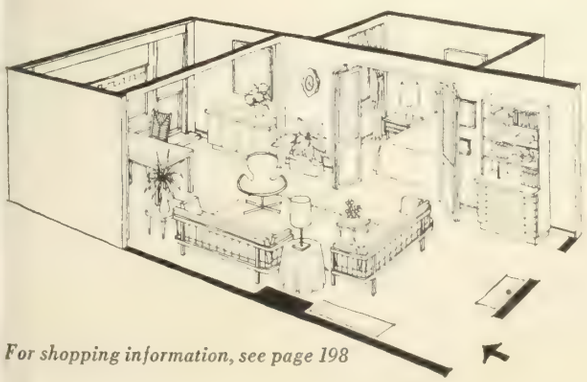
a plaster column was placed at the boundary line between them. At the other end of the library area, *left*, a single trio of book columns was centered between the side walls, leaving access on both sides to the foyer, *below*.

The library was simply furnished so that it would not look cluttered with bits and pieces, and since it does not receive much natural light, the color scheme was composed mostly of whites and sunny yellows. A wide desk pushed up against the single trio of book columns unites them, makes them look more permanent and gives a stronger definition to that end of the room. In the entrance foyer behind these columns, a boldly patterned rug turns the space into a distinctly separate room. Interior designer: Clell Bryant Associates.





Furniture arrangements and changes of color establish three living centers



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In the case of a 1½-room apartment (the half-room a sleeping alcove), color changes and furniture make wonderfully effective dividers. In the T-shaped apartment, *left*, these two devices break up the 25-foot sweep, *above*, into an entrance foyer, a living room and a window-walled dining room. Two spindle-backed settees placed at right-angles create the conversation center, and the rug between them completes the demarcation of this center space. The dining area by the window is set off by a change of color scheme: H&G's Lemon Peel for the walls, the window shade and the striped cotton duck on the ceiling that matches the terrace awning. The stem of the T, *right*, was converted into a separate bedroom by narrowing the opening with wood paneling and adding folding doors. Settees and bookcases by Heywood-Wakefield. "Planktex" paneling by U. S. Plywood; folding wood doors by Panelboard.



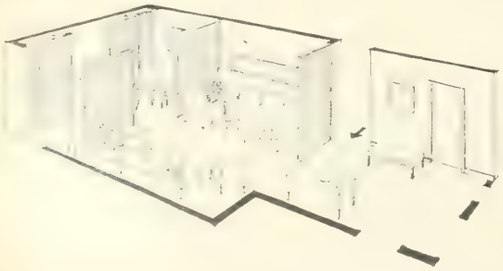
See-through panels mark off a room, yet preserve flow of space





HEILEMANN

An excellent device for reshaping a long, narrow room, without chopping it up into little boxes, is the wood grille such as those of pale walnut that punctuate the 40-foot living room in Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simons' Manhattan apartment. Since these grilles do not entirely block your view from one end of the room to the other, you can still appreciate its generous length. Yet the divisions are distinct enough to separate the space effectively into an entrance hall, a living room, *right*, and a game room, *above*. A matching grille across the window at the game room end breaks up an unprepossessing outlook, and together with the dividers gives the room architectural character. To keep the living room area from looking cluttered, it was furnished with banquettes which provide just as much seating as a series of separate sofas and armchairs. Interior designer: T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings.

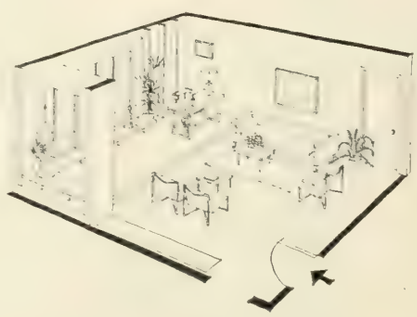


SILVA

A platform partitions space by creating a new level

A very large room can be divided simply and dramatically by creating a change of floor levels. The 18-by-25-foot living room, *opposite page*, was split into two parts by a 7-inch-high platform built across the end by the window. White ceramic floor tiles set off the platform from the dark parquet floor of the living room section, and mark off the space for use as an office-at-home or an informal dining area. (In a two-level room, contrasting floors are also advisable as a safety measure.) The window, a blank expanse of fixed glass, was screened with sliding teak-framed linen panels, and a teak bench was built in around one corner of platform (see sketch, *right*). But while the change of levels divides the space underfoot, the teak latticework overhead preserves full spaciousness of the room. Interior designer: Barbara D'Arcy for Bloomingdale's.

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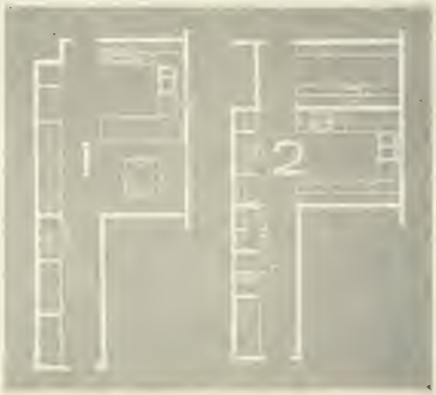




SAME SPACE: TWO KITCHENS

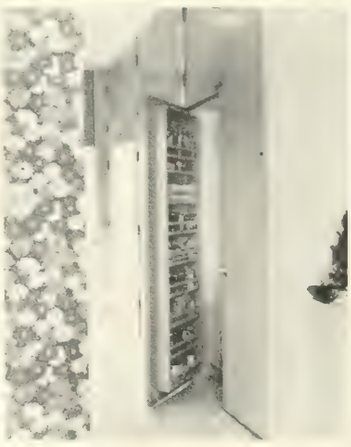
designed for personal patterns of living

Whether labeled the crossroads of the home or the backbone of the family, today's kitchens come in as many shapes, sizes and personalities as the people who inhabit them. No longer restricted in scope to mere cooking, the kitchen, come of age, is perhaps the most individualistic room in the house. It may be the gourmet's domain, hung with the esoteric paraphernalia of the *haute cuisine*. It may be a family-room-kitchen that welcomes tots, teen-agers and guests—or a sophisticated, citified kitchen designed to pamper a treasure-on-salary. Pertinent examples of how a basic space can be arranged to suit different personal needs and tastes are these two kitchens carved from identical shells. Not only are they the same size (about 16 by 16 feet in main area), but they are located in two of a group of similar houses designed by architect Preston Bolton on a street in Houston, Tex. Although one has a lighthearted countrified look and the other is a sophisticated domain for cooking, both ably suit their owners' needs and clearly express their preferences in design and color.



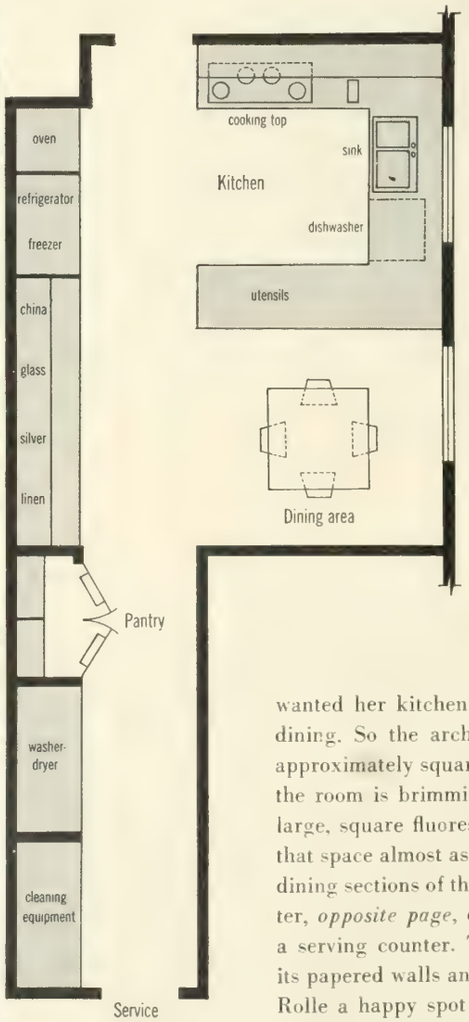


Countertop cabinet separates dining and cooking areas



Inside a closet door, tidy shelves [illegible]

Sharp [illegible]



1

A ROOM FULL OF LIGHT IMPARTIALLY SHARED BY COOKING AND INFORMAL DINING

Mrs. Richard Rolle, a young wife who likes to do her own cooking, wanted her kitchen to include a pleasant spot for informal dining. So the architect divided the Rolles' space into two approximately square areas. Each square has a window, hence the room is brimming with sunlight by day, and by night a large, square fluorescent fixture over the cooking area keeps that space almost as bright. No wall separates the cooking and dining sections of the room, but one arm of the U-shaped counter, *opposite page*, divides them visually and also is used as a serving counter. The cheery, countrified dining area with its papered walls and view onto the swimming pool gives Mrs. Rolle a happy spot for menu planning, telephoning and TV viewing. Both her kitchen and her neighbor's (page 142) have floor-to-ceiling storage cabinets, astutely organized with drawers, and both fixed and roll-out shelves as well as countertop ranges and wall ovens. Mrs. Rolle's stainless steel refrigerator is recessed flush with the long, windowless storage wall for dishes and linens, *opposite page*, common to both kitchens.

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SAME SPACE: TWO KITCHENS

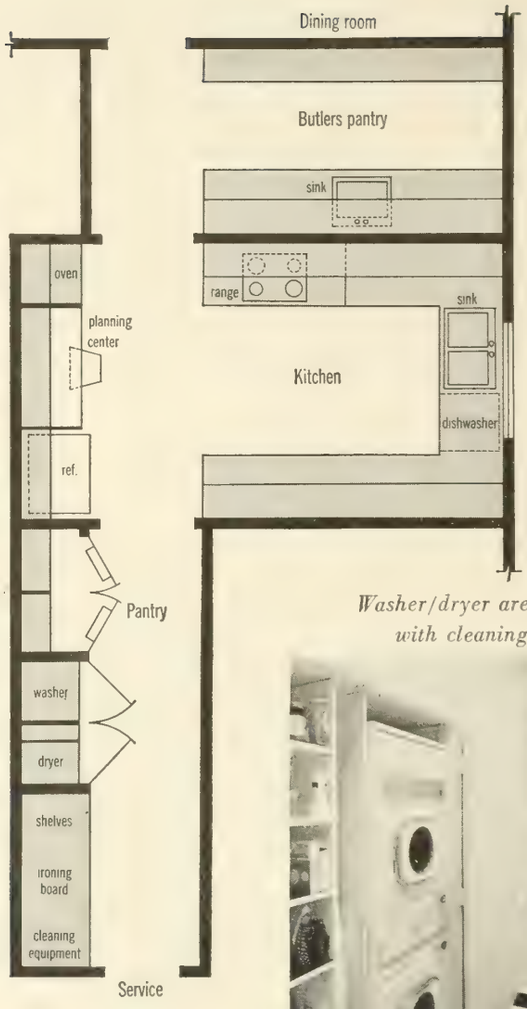


Planning center is across from cooking area



Butler's pantry has a compact wine storage rack

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Washer/dryer are closeted with cleaning supplies

2

A CRISPLY FUNCTIONAL KITCHEN SOFTENED BY COLOR

Mrs. Henry Gates Safford's kitchen, carved from the same basic shell as the Rolles', not only looks different, it *is* different. For Mrs. Safford, a widow who entertains frequently with large dinners, has a cook, and the kitchen is her domain. Likes the Rolles', the Safford kitchen has been divided into two sections, but in this case, the extra space was assigned to a butler's pantry. And since this side of the Safford house has an uninteresting view, a window was specified only in the cooking area (see plan, *above*) which is separated from the butler's pantry by a ceiling-high partition. The pantry (to the left of the clear traffic lane to back door, *left*) is a study in storage—drawers for linens and silver, cabinets for glass and china service, a counter to serve as a bar or for flower arranging, even a compact wine rack, painted to match the cabinets. Organized similarly to the Rolles', the cooking area, *opposite page*, is a U-shape, but facing it, instead of storage, Mrs. Safford has a simple, built-in planning desk where she can make out menus and confer with her cook. In the passage leading to the back door, *above*, a washer and dryer are stacked behind closet doors. The rich pumpkin color of the cabinets, highlighted by incandescent ceiling spots, gives this kitchen a cheery glow which compensates for its lack of a view.





TOM YEE





3 table setting wardrobes for 3 personal tastes

Your table settings can reflect your personality as clearly as your signature if you have the courage of your personal taste and build your wardrobe of china, glass, silver and linens accordingly. Collecting designs that particularly appeal to your eye may even lead you to re-tailor your party policy toward the kind of parties that suit you more naturally. And you will find yourself better prepared for them if you buy in quantity only what you will need in quantity, eschewing conventional assortments that include things you will never use. Starting here are three different table-setting wardrobes that might be assembled by three women whose patterns of living and entertaining differ as much as their personal tastes.

the Experimentalist

she is...

. . . a woman who enjoys the challenge of living in a cramped apartment or an awkward old house, and has the knack of turning every inch of space to attractive use. She has a flair for mixing wildly—informal travel finds, perhaps, with fine old inherited furniture. She collects paintings and sculpture by her friends. She prefers to give impromptu parties, and to seat her guests wherever space permits.

OPPOSITE PAGE:
To an indoor picnic, *top*, the Experimentalist can invite more friends than she could possibly make room for otherwise, and she sets the scene with bold color and off-beat props. Guests are seated on small cushions or a long sofa cushion covered with a huge fringed terry beach towel, and everyone is given a terry hand towel to use as a lap-wide napkin. With these, this hostess uses one of her favorite combinations: a pewter tureen teamed with white casseroles and china dinner plates in a new shape—a slightly raised center and concave rims. For a small seated dinner, *lower left*, she uses all the pewter she has—the tureen plus service plates and octagonal soup bowls—adding bright colored trays of plastic laminated fiber glass to be removed with the bowls. When she gives a dessert buffet, *lower right*, she mixes such unlikely mates as Meissen dessert forks and knives and the plastic trays. "Blanco" china and pewter plates from Block's "España" collection; "Williamsburg" sterling by Stieff; Bryce tumblers and goblets. Paintings by Robert Levering.

she needs...

. . . a set of basic dishes to provide a dominant theme plus a variety of serving pieces and accessories with which she can create a wide range of different and pretty effects.

12 plain white plates
1 pewter service plates
4 lacquer service plates
12 laminated plates for quick additions of color
2 six-piece sets of different dessert plates
6 coffee cups and saucers banded in blue and gold



1 pewter soup bowls
4 lacquer soup bowls
1 small wood bowls

A china coffeepot



RIEGER

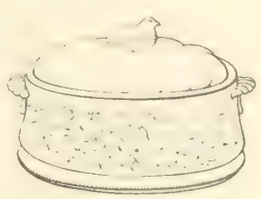
12 full place settings of silver
12 china-handled dessert knives and forks

12 large glass tumblers
12 small tumblers
Wineglasses in different patterns and colors, assembled in several sets of four

1 champagne flutes

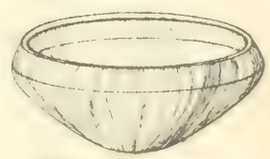


A decorative casserole



A pewter tureen
2 uncovered white casseroles with warming stands

A big wooden salad bowl



6 lacquer compotes in assorted colors for cakes, desserts, cheeses

1 sumptuous, embroidered white tablecloth

An assortment of unconventional tablecovers of dress fabrics, patterned oilcloth
Assorted napkins

Inexpensvie candlesticks of natural turned wood



An [illegible] Mexican paper flowers for creating wonderful flowery effects in jig time, at a pittance

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the Naturalist

she is...

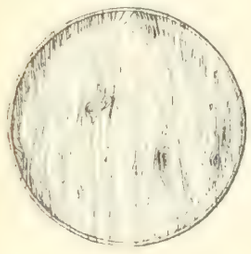
. . . a woman who thrives in the country and loves to spend as much time as possible outdoors. But when she must live in town, her apartment looks like a greenhouse, brimming with fresh flowers and flower-splashed fabrics. She wears good tweeds and cashmeres, prefers a like simplicity in her surroundings—spare contemporary furniture, polished floors brightened with a few vivid rugs. She loves contrasts of texture—rattan with the rich gleam of copper, for instance. And her entertaining has a natural flavor—flowers brought straight from garden to table (sometimes still in their pots or arranged informally in baskets), an array of home-baked breads, party foods that need no last-minute fussing.

she needs...

. . . a table-setting wardrobe geared to buffet dinners as well as informal little meals by the fire or on the terrace. So her collection is strong on plates and glasses in quantity, cookware pretty enough to be brought to the table.

12 dinner plates in a simple pattern

8 wood service plates



8 small wood plates for bread and butter

6 lettuce leaf plates

6 dessert plates, each with a different botanical design



6 copper au gratin dishes

12 cups and saucers

12 solid color mugs



12 full place settings of silver

12 extra teaspoons

A silver tea set

24 ten-oz. (double Old-Fashioned size) tumblers

12 five-oz. (juice size) tumblers

8 big goblets for water

8 smaller goblets for wine



8 champagne glasses

A big ceramic pitcher for juice at a brunch or hot water at a tea party

A bean pot for buffets

Cook-and-serve copper casseroles

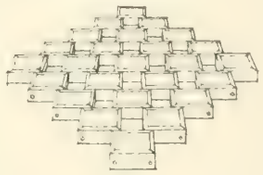
A twelve-demitasse copper coffeepot

Baskets for breads

12 fold-up trays on legs

Several tablecloths with simple, informal textures

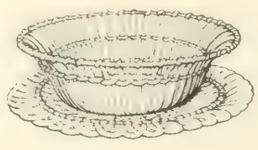
Underplate mats of linked cork squares



A generous collection of napkins in assorted colors

Simple candlesticks

A latticework ceramic basket for flowers, fruit



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OPPOSITE PAGE:

By planning on buffet service for her larger parties, the Naturalist can invite a crowd, yet keep the mechanics simple and concentrate her efforts on creating a beautiful table. For a Sunday brunch party, *top*, she sets up the table at one end of the living room, covers it with bold Marimekko cotton. Her menu is simple: curried eggs and rice in covered casseroles, a big basket of assorted breads and plenty of coffee. For more intimate occasions, she sets the scene for a cozy supper by the fire, *lower left*, with fold-up tray tables arranged as individual place settings. Dinner plates in two shades of brown double as underplates for au gratin dishes, and the coffee is served in mugs. Now and then she gives a small tea party, *lower right*, that has all the freshness of a garden party. She mixes informal pieces with her elegant silver tea service, sets them out on a rattan table. Franciscan "Tahiti" china; Gorham "Classique" sterling place settings and tea set; Fostoria "Argus" glasses.



RUDY MULLER







TOM YEE



the Classicist

she is...

. . . someone who loves living in a modern apartment, high up, with a window wall framing a spectacular skyline view. Yet her rooms tend to have a traditional elegance—fine French and Italian furniture, fabrics in whites and soft beiges. She loves the classic beauty of roses all over the room, of sparkling crystal candelabra on the dinner table. Yet as a collector her taste runs to polar extremes—Dutch flower paintings and pop art, shells and antique crystal. Her parties are always small, planned with meticulous care, and guests seated at a sumptuously set table.

she needs...

. . . china and glass in smaller quantities than other hostesses since she prefers to give smaller parties. Yet her love of elegance prompts her to acquire the very best quality she can afford.

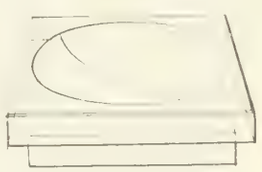
8 place plates with gold-patterned borders
8 gold-banded soup plates
8 gold-banded salad plates

8 gold-banded cups and saucers



8 gold lacquer dessert plates
8 glass bread-and-butter plates

8 glass butter-pat dishes

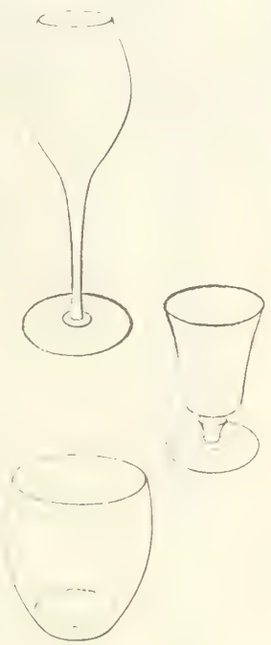


Gold-banded serving platters and vegetable dishes



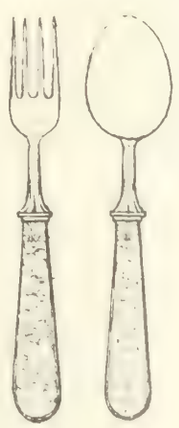
8 cut-glass water goblets
8 cut-glass wine goblets

8 tulip-shaped champagne glasses
12 plain cocktail glasses
12 double Old-Fashioned glasses



8 dinner knives and forks
8 luncheon knives and forks
8 salad forks
8 butter spreaders

8 porcelain-handled dessert forks and spoons



8 silver place spoons
8 teaspoons

8 place mats of thick, translucent, jewel-colored plastic that looks like cut crystal



8 scalloped place mats in creamy opaque colors



A few simple, solid-color tablecloths to use mostly for luncheons
White linen napkins
Colored napkins for accents
A collection of antique crystal
A collection of shells that double as dishes
Unexpected objects—as exotic as antique gold lacquer birds from Burma—that can be used as centerpieces

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OPPOSITE PAGE:

The splendid, seated dinner party for six or eight, *top*, is the Classicist's forte. She cooks the classic French fare herself, but has a waitress to serve, so the mood is always calm and elegant. Her crystal is concentrated in dazzling array on her glass-topped table. Additional crystal candelabra corralled from other parts of the house compose a shimmering backdrop in the window. For a luncheon party in the same room, *bottom*, the Classicist uses many of the same things to create a radically different mood. The glass table is covered with a pale pink cloth, replacing sparkle with a wash of gentle color. Various kinds of shells from the hostess' collection—used as soup bowls, bread-and-butter dishes, a flower-filled centerpiece—make a cool, creamy contrast to the gold-banded dinner plates. 'Tempo' and 'Eternal' china from Lenox's new "Dimension" group; "Legato" sterling by Towle; "Biarritz" crystal goblets and "Buckingham" wineglasses by Baccarat; place mats by Stotter; table by John Vesey.

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Monogramming Rx for writing paper



A famous book of etiquette makes the observation that the only thing comparable to writing paper is a voice on the telephone. Apart from the obvious fact that both belong either to a man or a woman, both must stand alone, unsupported by human presence, and plead a cause. Half that cause, in the case of paper, is best pled by sternly skirting the flamboyant in color, texture and shape. The other half depends on the way the paper is marked.

To be pleasing and apt, a monogram or cipher should reflect its owner's personality via one subtlety or another, yet be easy to read (the unfathomable spider's-web type is as dated as the dodo), and suit its paper in scale, placement and style. The design, of course, may have a certain amount of zip, but it must never overwhelm. Today, happily, we enjoy more freedom of expression than we once did. Colors of borders and envelope linings are gayer, printing is bolder. We are also more inventive, as you can tell from the sheaf of papers at left—a series of co-ordinated duo's (this is where invention comes in) designed to be used in tandem by a husband and wife—or singly and as effectively by bachelor ladies and gentlemen—who have not forgotten the delicious joy of writing a good letter, well mounted.

STARTING AT UPPER LEFT: *Dove-gray partners: hers bordered, his pristine, her envelope lined in brilliant orange, his quite plain. Round monograms: hers orange, white and embroiderish; his gray, white and straightforward. Saks Fifth Avenue.*
One step down, a pale blue team; the man's half sizable enough for an embossed cipher and an address printed in wine red; the distaff side sporting a wine monogram, border and envelope lining. Dempsey & Carroll.
Next, off-white paper for the gentleman, shell pink for the lady. Ciphers (gray for him, red for her) are the same except that she has a pretty little art nouveau motif woven through her B. Brentano's.
TOP OF NEXT COLUMN: *Dissimilar [illegible] gay ones. Lower-case letters spell out her name, his initials. Her paper: faintly pink, fuchsia bordered with a fuchsia-lined envelope. His: brown engraving on brown-edged creamy paper that goes to the matter of a natty brown envelope. Bergdorf Goodman.*
Last of the quintet, for him [illegible] decorous white card printed in gray pops into a yellow-lined envelope—sunny, but not skittish. Dempsey & Carroll. Accessories from Tiffany. *Shopping information, page 198.*

$50 FURNITURE FINDS UNDER $50

All prices are rounded to the nearest dollar.

$40

Sturdy little end table of solid rock maple in a height handy for someone seated on a low sofa. Measures 28 by 22 by 22½ inches high. By Heywood-Wakefield.



$40

Spanish-inspired bench with scrolled wrought-iron legs and a seat upholstered in Masland Duran vinyl. It is 17 by 22½ inches by 19⅛ inches high. By Kent-Coffey.



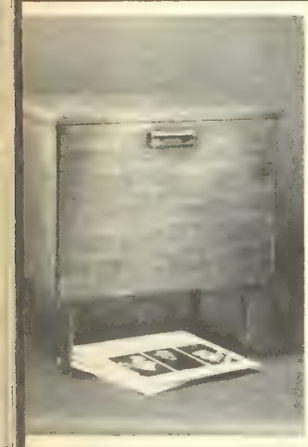
$35 EACH

Stacking stools in various finishes to buy singly or in quantity for extra party perches. Each 18 inches diameter, 10 inches high; topped with black leather cushion. By Thomasville.



$48

Miniature chest to sit pr
tily atop a desk or table.
mahogany or antique blon
finish. 14½ by 10½ by 14
inches. By Edith Chapmar



$50

Trim record cabinet with a drop front, partitioned storage, walnut finish. 22 by 16 by 23 inches. By Sanford.



$50

Sinuously molded bentwood chair that would look marvelous in a clean-lined contemporary room. Fruitwood-finished frame, hand-woven cane seat. 30 inches over-all height. From Gump's.*



$48

Walnut cube for record storage that swivels around on its base and can be topped with a stationary, matching cube (for $42) to make a two-tier cabinet. Each cube is 16 by 13¾ by 14½ inches high. At Scarabeus, Ltd.*



$45

Comfortable chair for an informal room. White bamboo-turned frame, cushions in fabric or Boltaflex vinyl, many colors. 26½ by 30½ by 30 inches high. Bassett.



$35

Spare, slim chair of st
and black vinyl that can
stacked with its fello
stored in a scrap of spa
Weighs little. 20 by 22
30 inches over-all height.
General Fireproofing



$20 EACH

Pert stool with swooping corners, a linen string seat. In mahogany, ebony or walnut finish. Measures 15 inches square. Scarabeus*.



$43

Boston rocker with a black painted finish (or two wood finishes) embellished with flowery decorations. 24 by 17½ by 38½ inches over-all height. Made by Bernhardt.



$44

/ pull-up chair with a wal- plywood shell, black or d Naugahyde upholstery. ½ by 24½ by 28½ inches n. By Stanley Furniture.



$50

Roomy record cabinet that could also double as a living room end table. Comes in maple finish. 25 by 16½ by 21 inches high. Hammary.



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Rolling bar cart that comes apart into two trays and a fold-up frame. Trays are reversible—black on one side, red on the other—and measure 19 inches diameter. From Designed for Living*.



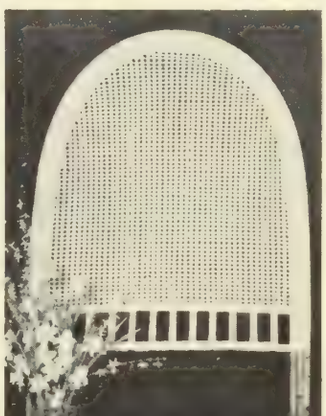
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Simple magazine rack of chrome and walnut slung with a strong length of leather. 18 by 6½ by 15 inches high. From Wilburt*.



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over-leaf-shaped cigarette ble—an Early American production. In several ood or painted finishes. 39 ches diameter, 16 inches gh. Sprague & Carleton.



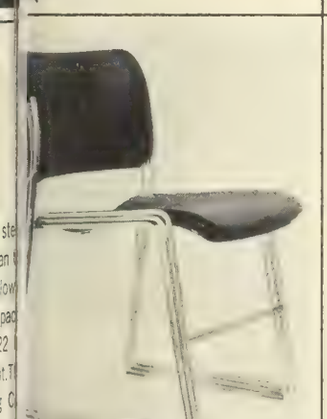
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Airy headboard of woven rattan peel for a youthful looking addition to a young girl's bedroom. Natural color. 39 inches at base, 58 inches high. At Hathore House*.



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Upholstered tub chair on swivel base with a molde foam rubber seat to giv comfort to an office-at-home 26½ by 27 by 30½ inche high. Made by Baumritte



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Game cube with a flip-over top that is a chessboard on one side, a cushioned seat on the other. Cube stores games, records, magazines. In walnut. 16 by 16 by 17 inches high. The Lane Co.



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Lordly armchair with a medieval air that would look well beside a library fireplace. Masland Duran black vinyl cushion and back. 24 by 18½ by 28 inches high. By Blowing Rock Furniture.



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ild's rattan chair that uld surely elicit a whoop joy from a budding astro- ut since it is as cocoon- e as a space capsule. 20 20 by 37 inches over-all ight. At Hathore House*.



$40

Slender, lightweight Danish teacart on wheels. Teak and oak. 25½ by 35½ by 24½ inches high. At Wilburt*.



Three nested tables with w nut tops, steel legs — gr party props. Each measu 15 by 15 by 17 inch high. Designed for Livin





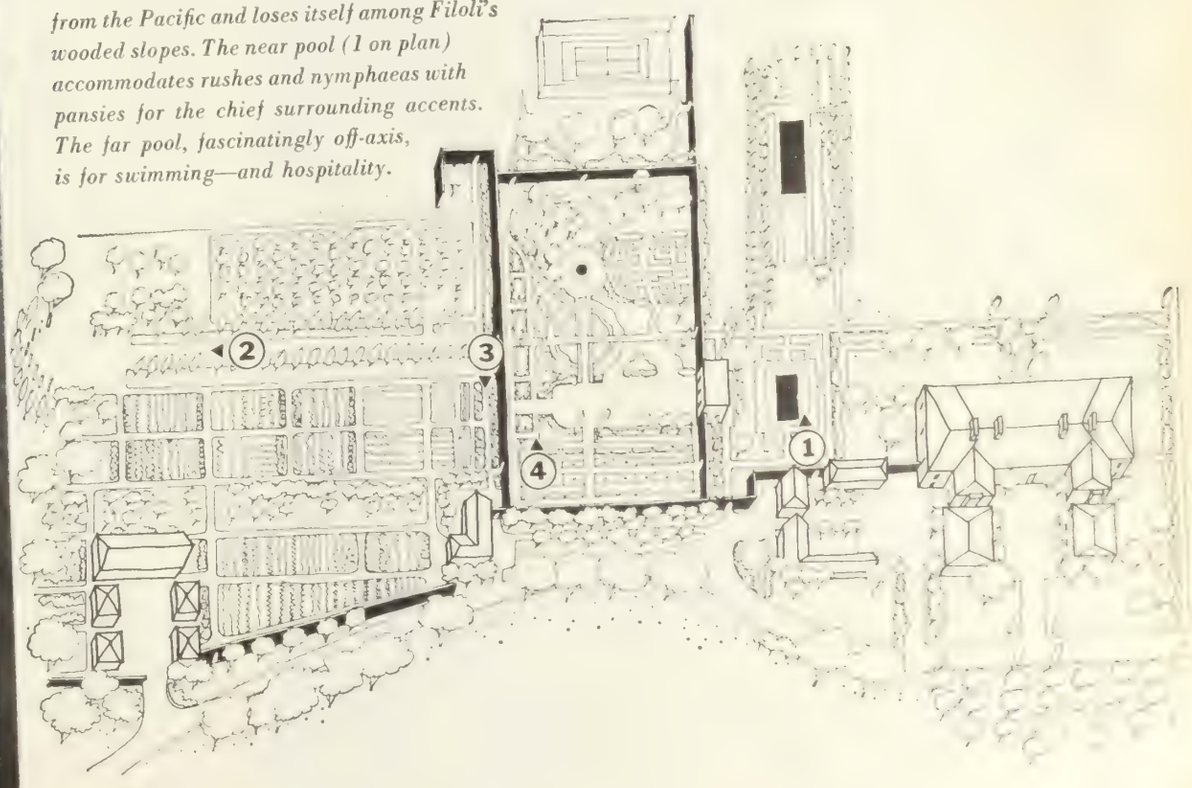
AN IMAGE OF TRUE LUXURIANCE

is reflected in every detail of a great California garden

Luxuriance is not to be confused with mere luxury, for its frame of reference is first of all horticultural, then—and only then—architectural. It is the combination of the plants and the design that produces the style, even the panache, of any garden landscape that can safely be called great. The plan of the grounds at Filoli, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth in San Mateo, Calif., was laid down almost forty years ago, and the enrichment of all the sixteen acres of formal gardens, terraces and orchards has continued ever since. The basic elements of the design are still apparent, as are their essentially classic and classically simple origins, *below*. But the lines of paths, walls, panels and parterres have softened in the intervening years. It is, of course, the plants that have softened and mellowed them—sharpening a structural detail here, smudging another one there—as is the immemorial way of growing plants. From time to time new structures have been added, sometimes to delightful effect as when a swimming pool, *opposite page*, was built off-axis by half its width from the line of a nearby reflecting pool.

While the perennial luxuriance of the smaller plants changes with the seasons in color, form and texture within the principal confines of the plan, the great trees change only in the elegance and beauty that accrue to them with the help of time and loving care. From the beginning until her death a few years ago, Miss Isabella Worn was in charge of the planting and plants. Her devotion and that of her successors have never flagged.

The afternoon fog creeps over the hills from the Pacific and loses itself among Filoli's wooded slopes. The near pool (1 on plan) accommodates rushes and nymphaeas with pansies for the chief surrounding accents. The far pool, fascinatingly off-axis, is for swimming—and hospitality.



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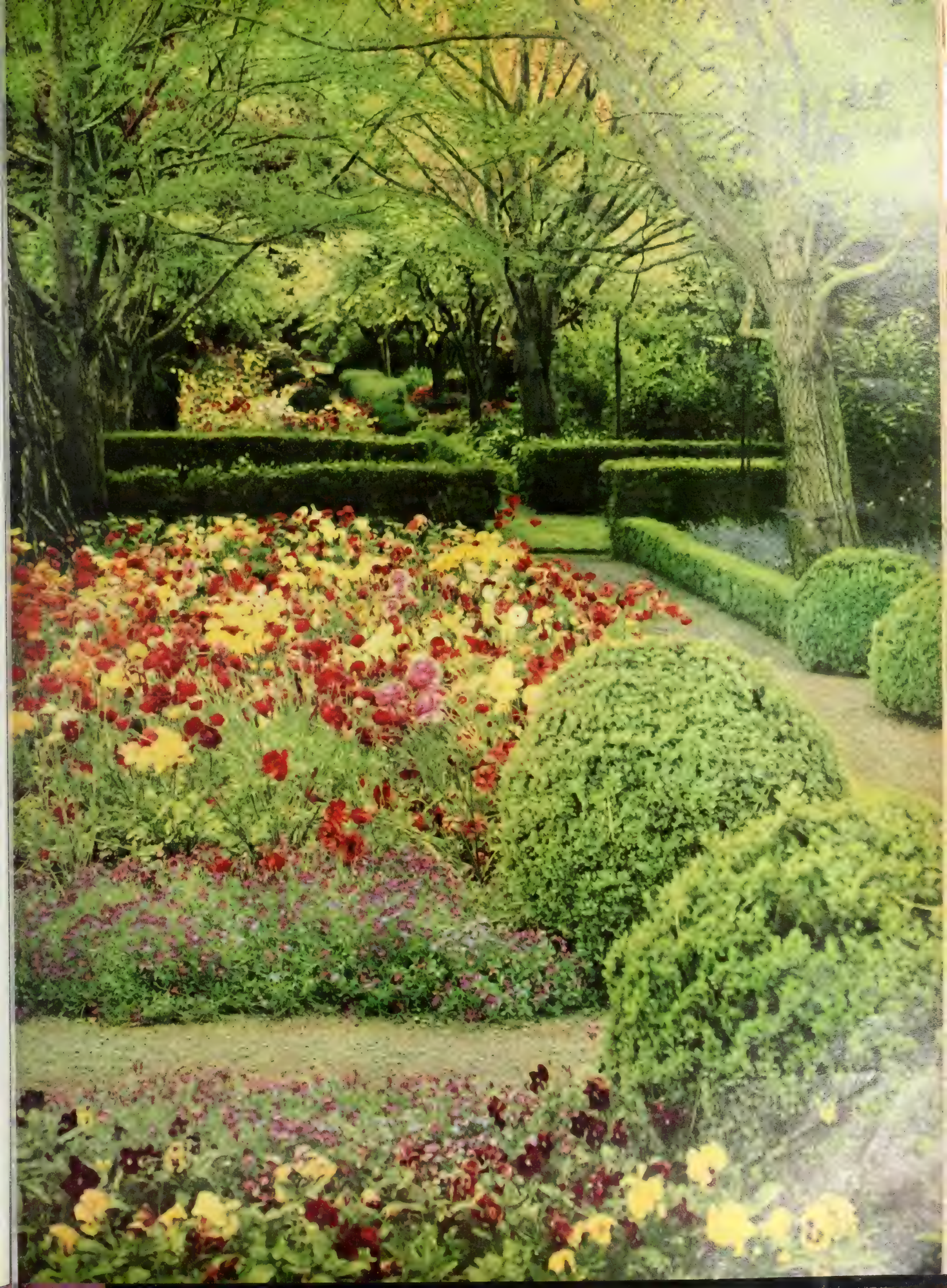


Fabrics of flowers and foliage clothe the plan's geometry

First you have a plan, then you hide it with an oversupply of ebullient plants: This seems to be axiomatic in the most successful gardens. Actually, of course, you do not hide a good plan—you build upon it. And you do not hide it by overplanting—you give it richness and variety by selecting the right plants for the right location, then growing them to the hilt. While there is an optimum planting interval for almost every plant, proper spacing is not enough for really superior effects. Superb culture is what makes the difference. Overlay the gentle patina of age on the elements where age is at all important and you may—you just may—have a garden like Filoli.

As in all fine gardens of similar dimensions and effectiveness, the variety of individual plantings is enormous. Cutting beds, vegetable rows, small fruit and orchard areas, wild-flower plantings, vines and espaliers, parterres and special patterns, lawns and of course trees of every type and size are all included. Under the mellowing hand of time (not to mention the hand of skilled and attentive gardeners) the conceits or improvisations of design are brought into easy compatibility with one another. Even the myriad seedlings and transplants that are set out periodically as seasons or ideas change all seem to adapt themselves to the gracious and abundant manner of growth that characterizes the permanent plants. The original inspiration for many of the design elements becomes obscured or lost, but their beauty (like that of the topless columns, *above left*) grows with the plants that accompany and embellish them.

The luxuriance of its plants is Filoli's hallmark, whether in a foaming tumble of wisteria that adorns anonymously ancient columns ABOVE LEFT *(2 on plan), or in 200 running feet of white iris,* LEFT *(3), that lean over a path or in box-edged blankets of ranunculus (4) that lie in soft shadow beneath the live oaks.* OPPOSITE PAGE. *Mild winters, cool summers and daily Pacific fogs (plus a way with a hose) seal the glory.*





The house that pop art built

Glass walls, muted colors and antiques play a quiet obbligato to the big beat of pop art

BY FRANCINE DU PLESSIX GRAY

Large glass areas limit indoor wall space for paintings, but house abounds in places for sculpture. At left of pool terrace: Karoli sculpture made of sprayed and painted paper cups.

When the Leon Kraushars drew up plans for their new house in Lawrence, N.Y., some five years ago, they agreed on one point: They both wanted to get away from the conformist ranch-style look which they felt was dominating suburban architecture. Mrs. Kraushar, who has a larger margin of nostalgia for tradition than her husband, admits that it took her some months to be reconciled to the uncompromising modernism that her husband had chosen to build in.

Mr. Kraushar, a sagacious and kinetic New York insurance man, describes his tastes as "not modern, but supramodern." He is a man with a rigorous disdain for the past and a stubborn enthusiasm for every new feature of the contemporary American scene. He is strictly a "Big Beat" man who considers jazz as passé and as dead as abstract expressionism. He has never had any desire to go to Europe, which he considers "stale, dead, antique-y." He even detests traveling outside of his native New York, which he is convinced is the world's only exciting, alive city. And, using the vernacular of his vocation, he says he is "101½ per cent sold" on pop art—he simply cannot look at any other form of painting. Since his wife is "99 per cent sold" on pop art, it is mathematically inevitable that the collection hanging on the walls of the Kraushars' house should consist 100+ per cent of pop art.

"The decor of the house is completely my wife's doing," Mr. Kraushar says: "I have no interest in decoration. I came in later, with the paintings—they're the only part of the decor that interests me."

The decor, therefore, was left up to interior designer David Barrett, and the decisions, to Mrs. Kraushar, who feels that most contemporary houses are too feminine as well as too conformist. She says: "I wanted my house to be elegant without being overdressed, luxurious without having any satins or brocades in it. I never did enjoy a 'pretty' look in either furnishings or clothes. I prefer the tailored and the casual. Our house is very much lived in: We have two grown boys who bring in a steady flow of friends. So for the upholstery I chose practical, sturdy, undressy materials: corduroys, tweeds, linens, furs. But I also wanted a few antiques to add warmth to the ultramodern style of the architecture. The doors of our entrance, for instance, are from Czechoslovakia. The four chairs around the card table in the living room are genuine Louis antiques. Many of my friends, when they first came into the house, thought these were Spanish. But all over the continent, after all, there is the same old-fashioned way of carving. Among my favorite antique touches are the headboards in the master bedroom. They're made from balcony railings which our decorator brought back from Italy."

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In the living room, the traditional parquet floor, black leather Louis XIII chairs, Early American barrel-back chair and Moroccan rug offset supramodern coolness of pop art. From left, Andy Warhol's "Brillo Boxes"; Roy Lichtenstein's "We Rose Up Slowly"; Andy Warhol's "Daily News" and Jim Dine's "Black Bathroom."


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ABOVE: *Mr. Kraushar has discovered that pop art in the dining room is an aid to dieters. On the left wall, Roy Lichtenstein's "Ball of Cord," John Fisher's "Bread and Bombs," Claes Oldenburg's "Plate of Meat." On right wall, Andy Warhol's "Soup Cans" above Bob Watts' "Box of Fruit." More Oldenburgs on table: "Soup and Crackers" and "Piece of Cheesecake." In room beyond, Chamberlain's "Wild Root" and Lichtenstein's "Composition Book."*
RIGHT: *In dining area of tile-floored kitchen, banquette and chair cushions are covered in vinyl. Paintings are by Rosenquist, Wesselman, Thiebaud.*
BELOW: *Study is television-viewing center for family and doubles as guest room. Decorator David Barrett designed the niches especially for Mr. Kraushar's collection of primitive sculpture. Paintings, beginning at upper left, are by Johns, Dine, Pollock, Lichtenstein and Wesselman.*





OPPOSITE PAGE: *In the foyer hangs Andy Warhol's blue "Multiple Image of Rauschenberg" over a Kusama sculpture made of cotton stuffing and next to Robert Rauschenberg's "Stop." On the dining room wall, Robert Indiana's "Big 8." The dining room chairs are covered in beige pony skin.*


ONE WAY
STOP
8



At top of broad steps leading to front door is a planter bed in Japanese rock-garden style. Aluminum sculpture, "Totem," is by Bill Tarr.

Mr. Kraushar's enthusiasm for pop art is so infectious that his wife sacrificed a dressing table for Wesselman's painting "The Great American Nude." "I had wanted something way out for the master bath." Mrs. Kraushar says: "and I was planning a huge, beautiful dressing table. But when Mr. Kraushar walked in with that nude, there was only one place for her, so I went without a dressing table. I love that painting because it shows a woman looking the way women look here, today, in America, not fat and old-fashioned like Renoir's nudes. She is truly contemporary."

The story of Mr. Kraushar's new art collection is one he enjoys telling: "While I was planning this house with architect William B. Lichtner, I decided to get a few paintings. It seemed to be the thing to do; everybody else was doing it. So I built up a collection of European and American contemporaries: Hartung, Dubuffet, Manessier, Bombois, Derain, the whole Cobra school. Sam Francis, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Jackson Pollock. Collecting became a big thing in my life. I had never set foot in a museum until four years ago. Up to that time, since I don't ski or play cards or golf, I had nothing to do on weekends but stay at the office and work some more. Now, visiting galleries, reading the art periodicals has become my life on weekends. I subscribe to every art magazine there is. Summers are terribly lonely: The art publications dwindle so I have to reread the back issues.

"One day, two or three years ago, I read in "Art Voices" about the Castelli Gallery, and I went there the following Saturday. That is when I became addicted, unequivocally hooked by pop art. The two works which caught my attention that first day were a Jim Dine painting of an automobile tire and a Lichtenstein of a woman's hand holding a sponge. These paintings put me into a state of shock: I went home to my collection of abstract canvases and they did not satisfy me anymore. I returned to Castelli's two Saturdays later and the painting of the tire was sold. I was terribly disappointed, but I bought the Lichtenstein canvas of the ball of cord now hanging in my dining room—my first piece of pop art. Then I sold all my other paintings, lock, stock and barrel. I kept only one: the Jackson Pollock hanging in the den."

"I went on to buy works by all the other pop artists you see in my house, Rosenquist, Lichtenstein, Wesselman, Oldenburg. Now I have some fifty pieces of pop art and I own more Oldenburgs than any other collector—nineteen of them. Pop art is my way of life, my addiction, and I enjoy being hooked. I love pop art because it shows the life we live today. It's not the past, it's not history, it's my life, the life *I* am living. It's the American landscape, with its billboards, its highways, its hamburgers, its filling stations, its wonderful consumer goods. When I go to the supermarket, I see Brillo boxes just like the ones by Andy Warhol in my foyer, and when I come home, this makes (*Continued on page 216*)



LEFT: *Both Kraushar sons, aged 22 and 16, are pop art enthusiasts. Hanging over the older son's bed is a large painting by Birillo; works at right are by Cy Twombly and Roy Lichtenstein. Ottoman converts into bed for overnight guests; African drums serve as tables.*
OPPOSITE PAGE. TOP: *In the master bedroom, forged iron headboards made from Florentine balcony railings are the only concession to Mrs. Kraushar's taste for tradition. Painting on left wall is Lichtenstein's "Frightenedness." Three Warhol paintings above beds are titled: "Jackie," "Elizabeth," "Marilyn."*
LOWER LEFT: *Younger son's room also has a convertible ottoman for guests. The three reliefs are by Claes Oldenburg.*
LOWER RIGHT: *In the dressing room next to the master bath. Tom Wesselman's "The Great American Nude," painted on tile.*



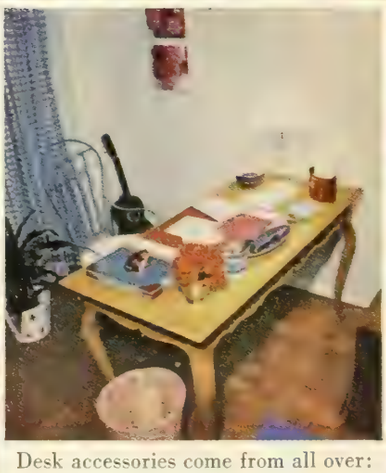




A personal touch: tape home-sewn on ready-made sofa pillows.

Everything here including cart was discovered at the five-and-ten.





Desk accessories come from all over: United States, Italy, Japan, India.



A YOUNG COUPLE'S FIRST LIVING ROOM

The rewards of a small budget with a big plan. a blithe spirit directed by a disciplined eye



An open shelf arrangement that includes books, plants, favorite bibelots and art breaks up the monotony of the long wall.

◀ Screen fabric may be laundered, replaced; cotton bandana print covers chair cushions.

THE PRINCIPAL INGREDIENTS: Rugs, fabrics, lamps, teacart, radio, record player and all decorative accessories from F. W. Woolworth; upholstered furniture by Broyhill, wrought iron by Gallo; shelf units by Hamilton Cosco; window shades by Illinois Shade Co.; Martin-Senour "Provincial Color Glaze Kits"; screen frames by Joanna Western Mills. Hardwood parquet flooring by E. L. Bruce. Shopping information on page 198.

The first rule in decorating, never to be thought the smaller the budget, the more important the plan. A dynamic plan starts with a chart of measurements and flexible requirements, turns after comparison shopping into a list of possible purchases, then narrows down to a true prospectus when possibilities have been weighed, discarded or accepted. Each step is vital, but none more vital than an imaginative wide-awake taste that goes into action while shopping—the selective eye. This is the eye that can sweep over acres of low-priced merchandise, much of it mediocre or banal, and light on the scattered treasures: good mass market design, imports, objects with a handmade look, successful copies of more expensive items. A companion talent is the gift for personalizing, an ability to get big effects in small ways—with a fringe on the window shades, perhaps, or a shelf of amusing pitchers.

To prove the validity of this philosophy, H&G furnished a young couple's first living room for less than $1,500. The largest portion of the budget, close to $600, was allotted for wood furniture, bought unfinished. The upholstered furniture cost about $400, and the metal pieces, including the shelf units, came to under $200. The remaining $300 covered everything else—the rugs, the fabrics, the lamps, dishes and bibelots, radio and record player, even the plants—all of which we discovered on the opulent counters of Woolworth's.

We planned the color scheme of red, yellow and blue for two reasons: simple practicality (appealing decorative objects are easiest to find in these primary colors) and exuberance (they have an elemental appeal especially refreshing when one of them—in this case the yellow—is off the pure hue). The largest stretches of wall were painted H&G's Snow. Lesser wall areas are Curry, repeated in the made-to-measure window shades of "Calcutta" jute. Ultramarine Blue appears in the fabrics, the rug, the dining table top and many accents.

Typical of so many modern apartments, the room has two parallel unbroken walls some 20 feet long. One was diminished in length by a central furniture arrangement: the upholstered furniture and rug, completed at one end by the desk. The facing wall was welcomed as a kind of empty canvas to be filled in with open shelf units that became the key of the room's personality. In another manipulation of space, unfinished wood screens, painted and hung with fabric panels, were placed to define the dining area and to hide a closet door and a beam.

We decided to buy unfinished furniture, partly because of its comparatively low price, but even more because painted accent pieces (the do-it-yourselfer's shining opportunity) add so much sparkle and individuality to a room. The well-made, hand-detailed lamp table, the desk in Louis XV style, the dining chairs and lumberyard dining tabletop, were all colored and antiqued with "Provincial Color Glaze Kits." These include paint, wiping glaze, brush and instruction book—all you need to achieve a rich finish with a custom-crafted look.

Furnished with these basic necessities the room would have been comfortable and pleasant. But its highly personal flavor derives from the dozens of discoveries made by the selective eye and from the only things that cost nothing but talent, time and labor—the young wife's [illegible]

For the kitchen of this apartment, please turn to page 200.



It takes proper wiring–
a vital artery in the
anatomy of a house–to reap

The rewards of ELECTRICAL

POWER

The wonderful world we live in is certainly the more splendid for Ben Franklin, his key, his kite and his leashed lightning. Electricity is our magic, and given enough of it, life—as far as running a house is concerned—can be pretty slick. Our only setback comes when technology plays hare to the tortoise of what used to be considered adequate wiring. In far too many of our houses today, life between blown fuses does no credit at all to Poor Richard's acumen, nor to ours. In 1955 we had the seemingly heady choice of fifty-six major and minor appliances to set our households bristling with robots. Today, we can draw from over 166 mechanical servants and in five more years heaven only knows what the total will be. Yet only two out of ten houses have more than just enough power to run simultaneously the most familiar and necessary appliances—washing machine, dishwasher, TV—without someone's running to the fuse box, flashlight in hand. So what of the newer devices?

What you can have in a properly wired house

Nevertheless, some houses today are so beautifully wired their occupants cannot only turn on everything they own simultaneously without going up in smoke, but, via the good old pushbutton, lie in bed and turn on everything from a garden fountain outside the bedroom window to the revolving floor in the garage—an indulgence for people who don't like to back out. These are mighty fancy tricks, but they are possible.

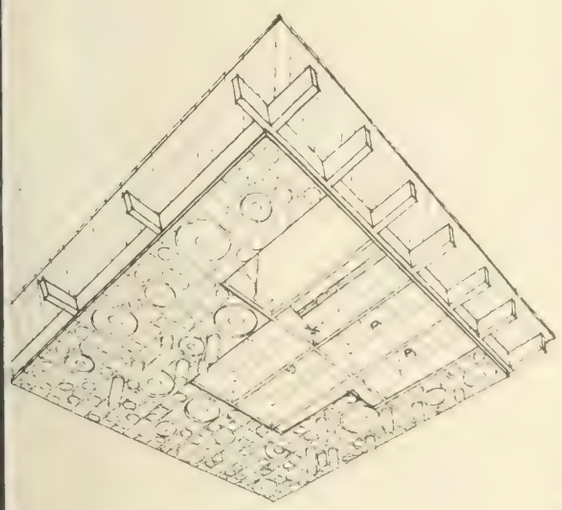
Far more commonplace are the portable appliances toted (given the wiring) from room to room. Should she wish, a lady can sit at her dressing table, use her electric blanket as a lap robe, plug in a pot of coffee, dry her hair with an electric dryer, buff her nails with an electric buffer and watch television on a set no bigger than a minute. Such coziness would play hob with a wiring system installed in the day when about the only thing you carried from room to room was the vacuum cleaner or the electric fan.

Rarely does a house built as much as ten years ago have the power to take care of both necessities and luxuries—to say nothing of outside lighting, outside cooking, safety lights, power tools, elaborate built-in lighting and a second kitchen. Today a merely adequately wired house requires 100 amperes (24,000 watts), which may seem a lot, but is not. An electric range can use up to 16,000 watts alone, an electric clothes dryer up to 9,000 watts, an electric water heater up to 4,500 watts. This leaves very little wattage for the other 163 pieces of equipment you might like around the house.

The pitfalls of inadequate wiring

Blissfully, most of us are unaware of inadequate wiring until, having steadily indulged in new equipment, we find ourselves plagued with more and more blackouts (blown fuses or shut-off circuit breakers), the shrinking or "wincing" of television pictures when other appliances are at work, the dimming of lights when the refrigerator goes on or the loss of full illumination from a perfectly good lamp bulb or fluorescent tube.

You may or may not know that after coming into your house through what is called the Electric Service Entrance (an alias for the combination of fuse or circuit-breaker box and the main wires which connect your house to the power company's line), electricity is carried by smaller wires called branch circuits to your lights, convenience outlets and individual electrical equipment. Each branch circuit is protected by either a fuse or a circuit breaker. When the circuit becomes overloaded (too many demands, not enough power), the fuse burns out—or the circuit breaker shuts itself off—and stops the flow of power with a subsequent blackout: a warning. Sometimes, even when a blackout does not occur, damage can be done by overloading circuits which cannot deliver electricity at full pressure because the wires are too small and the circuits too long. Subjected to continual low voltage, irons and broilers take longer to heat, and vacuum, washer and refrigerator motors may eventually burn out.



A continuous system of ceiling lights, OPPOSITE PAGE, *made possible with a fretwork of preplanned wiring, is a handsome and radical departure from conventional illumination. Clear acrylic cylinders are fitted into down-light openings in a ceiling installed in bronze or enamel modules. Light can be concentrated in one spot like a chandelier, or blanket the entire ceiling, wall-to-wall. By Lightolier.*

Sooner or later, the least aware neophyte knows something is wrong. It is time for the witch hunt. But unless you are an M. I. T. graduate in electrical engineering, do not do the hunting yourself. It's dangerous. Call in a qualified electrician (mandatory under most building codes), and relax. You can help him, however, with a knowledge of which outlets are controlled by which circuits. In the following manner, make yourself an electrical map of your whole house.

How to be your own electrical Hawkshaw

1 Make a drawing of your fuse box or circuit-breaker panel and assign a number to each fuse or circuit breaker.
2 Unscrew fuse number 1 or throw the switch of circuit-breaker number 1.
3 Try all the light switches (indoors and out), then check the refrigerator, freezer, laundry appliances and anything else that plugs in. Finally, test every empty outlet with a small plug-in lamp.
4 Mark on a floor plan of your house the location of each lamp and convenience outlet which is *not* working. These will be the ones controlled by branch circuit number 1.
5 If all the lights stay on and all convenience outlets work, this means circuit number 1 operates either the furnace, the boiler or the air conditioning. Look to see how they are faring.
6 Repeat the process for each circuit until you have accounted for every last light, outlet and appliance in the house. Chart them according to their respective circuits, then return house lights to normal and re-set the electric clocks.

You won't have any more power or a better electrical system after all this sleuthing, but at least you will know how things work and can pass the information on to your electrician. You will save him a lot of fuss and yourself a little money. You will also know better than to run two major appliances on the same circuit simultaneously, and you will have learned that all the outlets in one room are not necessarily controlled by the same circuit.

Vital points to remember

1 Added outlets will *not* increase power. Only enlarging your Electrical Service Entrance can perform this miracle.
2 Never pop a 20 ampere fuse into a 15 ampere circuit. You will overtax your already (perhaps) overtaxed wiring.
3 If you are building a new house, have the wires brought in underground. It will look better and merit the extra cost.
4 New house or old, don't settle for less than a main load of 200 amperes (48,000 watts)—particularly if you find yourself coveting the nigh-to-sybaritic electric aids on the next page.

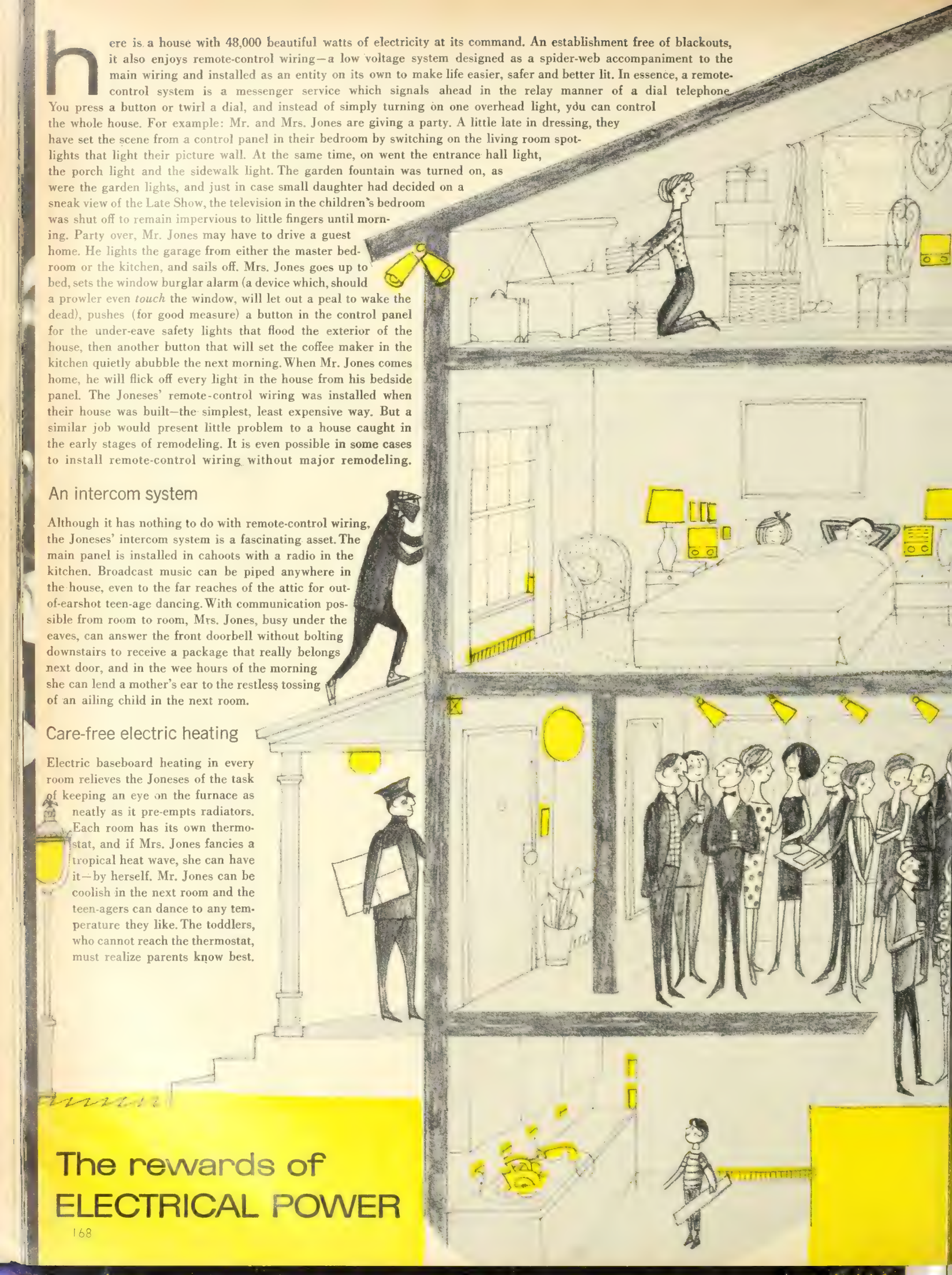
Here is a house with 48,000 beautiful watts of electricity at its command. An establishment free of blackouts, it also enjoys remote-control wiring—a low voltage system designed as a spider-web accompaniment to the main wiring and installed as an entity on its own to make life easier, safer and better lit. In essence, a remote-control system is a messenger service which signals ahead in the relay manner of a dial telephone. You press a button or twirl a dial, and instead of simply turning on one overhead light, you can control the whole house. For example: Mr. and Mrs. Jones are giving a party. A little late in dressing, they have set the scene from a control panel in their bedroom by switching on the living room spot-lights that light their picture wall. At the same time, on went the entrance hall light, the porch light and the sidewalk light. The garden fountain was turned on, as were the garden lights, and just in case small daughter had decided on a sneak view of the Late Show, the television in the children's bedroom was shut off to remain impervious to little fingers until morning. Party over, Mr. Jones may have to drive a guest home. He lights the garage from either the master bedroom or the kitchen, and sails off. Mrs. Jones goes up to bed, sets the window burglar alarm (a device which, should a prowler even *touch* the window, will let out a peal to wake the dead), pushes (for good measure) a button in the control panel for the under-eave safety lights that flood the exterior of the house, then another button that will set the coffee maker in the kitchen quietly abubble the next morning. When Mr. Jones comes home, he will flick off every light in the house from his bedside panel. The Joneses' remote-control wiring was installed when their house was built—the simplest, least expensive way. But a similar job would present little problem to a house caught in the early stages of remodeling. It is even possible in some cases to install remote-control wiring without major remodeling.

An intercom system

Although it has nothing to do with remote-control wiring, the Joneses' intercom system is a fascinating asset. The main panel is installed in cahoots with a radio in the kitchen. Broadcast music can be piped anywhere in the house, even to the far reaches of the attic for out-of-earshot teen-age dancing. With communication possible from room to room, Mrs. Jones, busy under the eaves, can answer the front doorbell without bolting downstairs to receive a package that really belongs next door, and in the wee hours of the morning she can lend a mother's ear to the restless tossing of an ailing child in the next room.

Care-free electric heating

Electric baseboard heating in every room relieves the Joneses of the task of keeping an eye on the furnace as neatly as it pre-empts radiators. Each room has its own thermostat, and if Mrs. Jones fancies a tropical heat wave, she can have it—by herself. Mr. Jones can be coolish in the next room and the teen-agers can dance to any temperature they like. The toddlers, who cannot reach the thermostat, must realize parents know best.



The rewards of ELECTRICAL POWER

Electric controls for curtains and windows

Most of the curtains in the Joneses' house are of the traverse type—and for a reason: They open and close, not by a tugging of cords or manual yanking, but by electricity. A button in a curtain-masked control box on the window sill is the hidden jinni. Another control button in the sill performs the same service for the awning windows. The Joneses crank not. In certain rooms they don't even stir from their armchairs to capture a breeze or shut out wind and rain, but simply push a button in a little remote-control box on a table beside them to open or close the windows. Housewide wiring permits Mrs. Jones to close a window in the attic when she's deep in the basement (or vice versa). And from her own bed, she can close all the children's bedroom windows whenever storms flare up suddenly in the middle of the night.

Snow-melting, fire alarms and lock-out switches

The envy of their neighbors, the Joneses' are never troubled with ice-filled eaves (that causes melting snow to back up under the shingles and damage ceilings and walls). A zigzag border of electric cable at each eave-edge melts icy snow and keeps it melted until it has gone down the rainspouts like summer rain. And even in the dead of winter, Mr. Jones can always get his car out of the garage. Electric cables embedded in the cement driveway keep that vehicular path warm enough to dispense with snowbanks once and for all. Nor is anyone likely to slip and fall on the front walks and steps when similiar cables assure a nonskid winter. Within doors, two other safety precautions are dealt with by remote control. A fire alarm tucked away in a ceiling corner of each room will blare like a tocsin the moment the temperature shoots too high too suddenly. And should Junior Jones ever feel like trying his hand at father's power tools, he's in for a surprise. When father goes away, a lock-out switch on the master control panel shuts off all tool-propelling power in the hobby room. Junior will just have to go out and play.

Small aids that do yeoman duty



Dimmer-like control adjusts light to full or exactly half brightness.



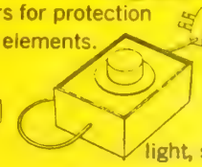
Delay switch, flipped to *OFF*, gives you 15 seconds of light to leave room.



See-in-the-dark mercury switch has tiny neon bulb which goes on when switch is *OFF*.



Weatherproof outdoor outlets have hinged covers for protection from elements.



Dimmer dial for table lamp lowers light, softens mood.



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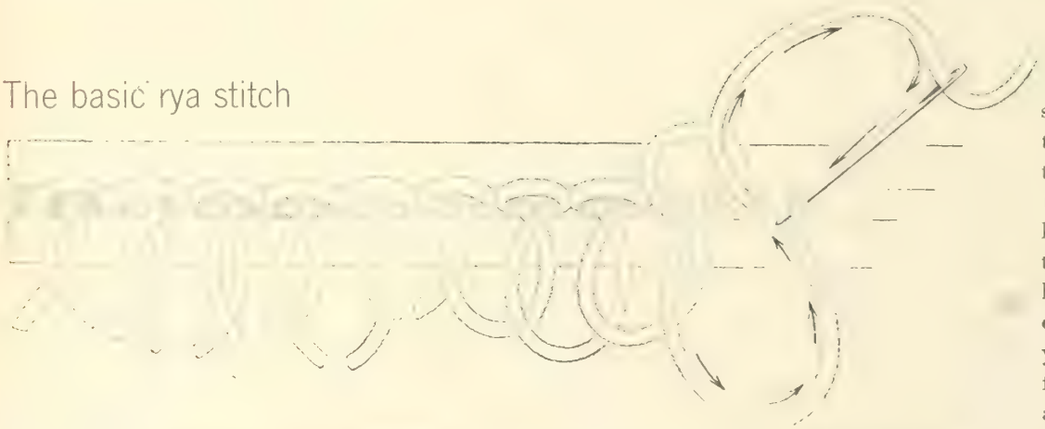
How to make RYA RUGS

With a technique borrowed from the Norsemen, you can make a luxuriantly shaggy rug to accent a sleek, polished floor

The word *rya* is Viking in origin, and it was the Vikings who introduced the knotted wool rug known as rya to Scandinavia. (They probably learned the knot from the Persians.) Both a practical solution to life in a cold climate and a pastime during the long winter nights, these sturdy rugs were first used by the Vikings to cover their beds on board ship. They designed the rugs to imitate sheep or bearskins, and turned them pile-side down for warmth. Eventually, on land, ryas were hung on walls to ward off drafts, and began to show up in a riot of patterns and colors. Later, they took their place on floors, and were cherished for their luxuriance and durability. Weaving them is still a favorite craft of the Scandinavian people. To make your own rya rug, you can buy a kit that supplies the special backing fabric, design, wool and needles that are all you need, plus instructions for the single repeated stitch that is all you must master. (You do not use a loom or frame.) Or you can order just the rya backing fabric and make a rug of your own design in any colors you want.

The handsome rug, *opposite page*, was created by Iona Plath, whose book, "Hand Weaving," was just published by Scribner's. Everything you need to make it can be had in a kit: 31-by-47-inch backing fabric (wool with a linen warp), needles, yarn and a graph-paper diagram for the pattern. It is designed so that should you wish a larger rug, you can make several, join them, and the *strié* furlike pattern will match. Or, you can get a kit to make a 24-by-36-inch-size rug. For shopping information, see page 198. Mies van der Rohe chair and table from Knoll Associates.

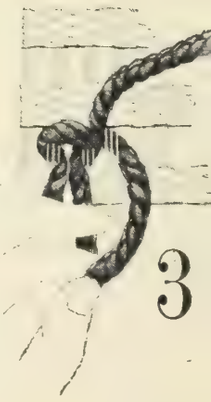
The basic rya stitch



To get the right length of yarn to work with, take a full skein and cut through at once. You can hold the rug in your lap, but it is easier to work on a tabletop. Stitch from left to right in a horizontal row on your backing fabric. Insert needle in second space from edge of fabric, go under threads to the left and bring up needle in next space to left (1). Pull yarn through, leaving an end 1 to 1½ inches long. (After this initial stitch, you will be leaving loops 1 to 1½ inches long.) Enter needle in next empty space to right and bring under threads and out in space where you started. Pull yarn through tightly, giving it a good tug to make a flat knot (2). Then repeat. Hold lower loop around first two fingers of your left hand while you make each knot (3). (Later you cut these loops to form the pile.) Work along to the right end of row. About every fifteen knots, cut the loops you have made. For an especially shaggy furlike pile, cut some loops evenly in half and others unevenly. Roll the rug as your work progresses, but never fold it. Until you become truly dexterous, it should take an hour to complete a row.







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WINE

The farsighted wedding gift

by James A. Beard

Although a welter of conventional wedding presents is almost always bestowed upon a young couple, there is one that rarely comes to mind, yet would surely delight both bride and groom. Over the years I have discovered that there is no nicer and more practical way to give a marriage a good send-off than to provide the cornerstone for a future wine cellar—a case or two of carefully selected wines coupled with a sound, informative book on the subject. If you feel this is too prosaic, you can add some of the appurtenances of storing and serving—a sturdy wine rack, a workmanlike corkscrew, handsome decanters, a silver wine strainer for decanting a fine old Bordeaux or crusty port, a wine cooler or wine coasters and perhaps a set of clear crystal all-purpose wineglasses in a classic shape that will go with any china and silver.

Today few young people have the opportunity to know their way among wines, but they are eager to entertain well and to acquire the poise for offering wine to guests with confidence. This confidence cannot be developed overnight, for there is really only one road to learning about wine: reading and systematic tasting.

Once initiated, the building up of the basic wine cellar can become a fascinating hobby and enables you to greet unexpected guests with a degree of serenity (no rushing out to the local liquor store at the last minute hoping to find something decent on the shelves). When a first-rate wine appears on the market, you can buy it by the case and lay it away, with consequent saving in cost. A wine log, with comments on wines sampled at home or in a restaurant or even with wine labels (soaked off the bottles) pasted in as reminders, is an excellent way to keep track of good buys.

When it comes to choosing the book to accompany your wedding-present wine selection, exercise good judgment. Be wary of books that are too technical and aimed largely at the expert, and stick to those written in clear, simple language a novice can understand. One of the greatest—and most straightforward—to be found in bookstores is Frank Schoonmaker's "Encyclopedia of Wine" (Hastings House, $6.95). Mr. Schoonmaker possesses one of the two or three great palates of the wine world and is the first American (in fact, the first non-Frenchman) to become a *membre diplômé* of the *Académie du Vin*. Not only does he understand the subtle differences between the great vintages of France and Germany, but he appreciates the qualities of the great and lesser wines around the world, and has done more, perhaps, than any other person to promote public acceptance of American wines. The book is alphabetically arranged and contains descriptions of all kinds of wines, definitions (with pronunciations of foreign words) of wine terms and locations of the wine-growing areas—including a complete listing of all the châteaux in Bordeaux, the vineyards in Burgundy and most of the vineyards in California. Mr. Schoonmaker discusses the best wines to accompany food and how to serve them, and generally covers the topic of wine with sprightly charm and wit. This is no book of dry facts, but a stimulating compilation and an excellent choice to begin the bride and groom's wine library.

With this comprehensive volume it would be appropriate to send along a collection of small and great wines from various countries and various price categories. This might be the contents of one case:

1. A great red Bordeaux.
2. A fabulous estate-bottled Burgundy.
3. Two country wines, such as a Muscadet of a good year, a fine Beaujolais, a Pouilly Fumé or a Sancerre.
4. A great Rhône, either a Châteauneuf-du-Pape of an excellent year or an extraordinarily good Hermitage.
5. A German wine, such as an excellent Niersteiner or a Bernkasteler.

(*Continued on page 184*)

Cartonnage cover for wedding cake

The enchanting paper fantasy on our Wedding Cook Book cover, OPPOSITE PAGE, *is no symbolic wedding cake, but a "slipcover" cleverly wrought in paper sculpture to shelter the real thing —layers of long, narrow, completely frosted slices of cake. This neat decorative idea not only eliminates the mess of cutting the traditional cake for an at-home wedding, but also gives the bride a lasting memento to keep and cherish.*

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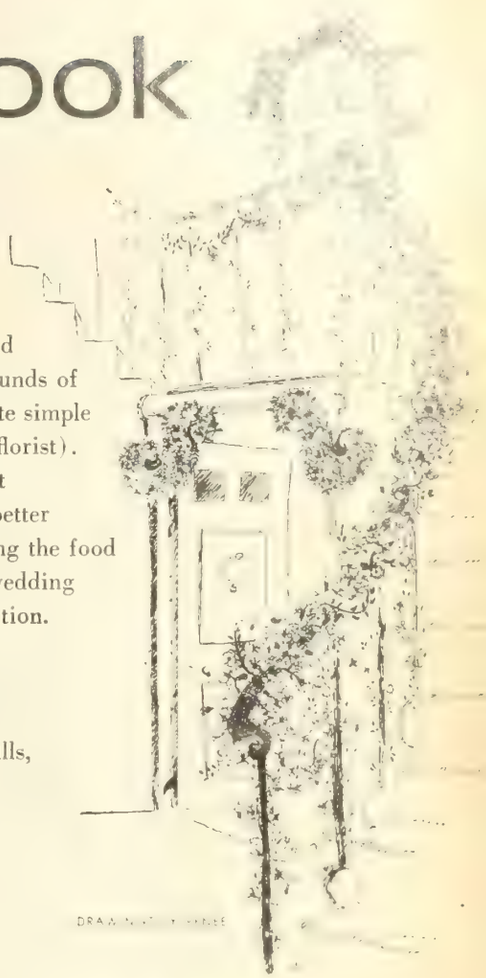
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Wedding Cook Book

By Tatiana McKenna



Wedding parties are the happiest of all occasions, but like other labors of love they can be a test of your ingenuity and ability. Whether you are counting on the services of a caterer or propose to have the bulk of the food cooked at home, you need a well-laid plan of action for coping with the parties, dinners and gatherings of family and friends before, during and right after the wedding. The secret of good organization is to keep everything firmly within the bounds of your budget and your own capacities. For a wedding reception at home, the decorations can be quite simple —masses of flowers everywhere (in hanging baskets, planters, garlands, to be arranged by you or the florist). For a late-afternoon wedding, you might wind your stair rail with orange blossoms and tiny pinpoint Christmas-tree lights to be switched on as the light fades. Keep your menus equally uncomplicated (better excellent-if-plain fare than elaborate dishes prepared in a mediocre manner). And if you are having the food cooked at home, take advantage of your freezer to cook ahead in quantity. Many dishes suitable for wedding breakfasts, luncheons and buffets can also be frozen, either wholly or up to a certain point of preparation. Even the wedding cake may be baked, frozen in layers and defrosted in time to ice and decorate. Dishes that lend themselves to freezing include beef, lamb or veal stews; curried dishes, lobster and shrimp pilaffs; rice salads (thaw by reheating slightly, then cool); mousses and unbaked soufflés; casseroles of noodles mixed with cheese, meat or seafood; crêpes, cream puffs or patty shellls, to be filled with sweet or savory mixtures; tart shells for pies and quiche; brioche dough, to be rolled out and used for filet en croute or coulibiac. The menus in this cook book, although designed for specific wedding parties, would work equally well for anything from a small seated dinner to a large open-house cocktail buffet. And both the food and the ideas for decorations are equally adaptable to a do-it-yourself wedding or one staged by professionals.

Country wedding breakfast buffet

For a country wedding, where the breakfast is to be given at home after an 11 o'clock church ceremony, a simple self-service buffet menu works well. The buffet table itself might be set up in the dining room, with both living and dining rooms cleared of furniture, equipped with plenty of little tables and folding chairs and decorated with pots of white cyclamen and tall green plants. Champagne, passed on trays, can be augmented by a choice of other drinks served from a bar in another room. This kind of menu, which offers a choice of dishes both delicate and hearty, from the semi-traditional creamed chicken (here given a slightly different twist) to a Virginia ham, would be equally good, sans wedding cake, for an autumn or winter open-house brunch.

MENU

CHICKEN MORNAY WITH A BORDER OF PURÉED BROCCOLI*
TINY PARKER HOUSE ROLLS
SCRAMBLED EGGS
LAMB KIDNEYS IN MADEIRA SAUCE
BACON CURLS DEERFOOT SAUSAGES
STEWED TOMATOES
VIRGINIA HAM BEATEN BISCUITS
CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY BOMBE*
DARK FRUIT WEDDING CAKE
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Chicken Mornay

This is a good serviceable dish for any buffet meal—no knives are needed.

Butter
1 small onion, minced
12 tablespoons flour
6 cups milk
½ cup grated imported Gruyère cheese
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Salt, pepper, cayenne pepper, nutmeg
4 bunches young tender broccoli
¼ cup light cream
8 cups cooked ground chicken

Melt 14 tablespoons butter and cook the onion for 2–3 minutes. Add the flour and cook 3 minutes longer. Add the milk and cook, stirring, until smooth and thickened. Add the Gruyère cheese and ½ cup of the Parmesan cheese and season to taste with salt, cayenne and a dash of nutmeg.

Remove hard stem parts of the broccoli. Cut lengthwise in equal-size pieces. Pack into a pot that will hold the broccoli tight and upright. Sprinkle with salt and pour on boiling water. Cover and bring to a boil. Boil fast for 8–10 minutes, or until quite tender. Drain well and rub through a fine sieve (do not use a blender). Add salt and pepper to taste, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, 6 tablespoons butter and the cream. You should have about 6 cups purée.

Reserve 1 cup of the hot sauce and combine the remaining sauce with the chicken. Pour into two 2-quart shallow oval or square well-buttered oven-to-table dishes. Pour remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with the remaining ½ cup Parmesan cheese and dot with butter. Place under the broiler to brown. Fill a large pastry bag with a serrated ribbon tube with the hot broccoli purée. Pipe purée along the edges of the dishes. Keep hot in a low oven until ready to serve, but not too long as the broccoli will lose its green color. Serves 8.

Chocolate and Raspberry Bombe

1 quart chocolate ice cream
1 cup toasted, skinned and crushed hazelnuts
1 quart red raspberry ice

Soften the chocolate ice cream just enough to mix with the toasted hazelnuts. Line a 2½-quart melon mold with it so the walls are completely covered with chocolate. Freeze a while. Pack with raspberry ice. Freeze until needed. Unmold on a serving platter. Serves 8.

Small seated wedding breakfast

This is a simple [illegible] can be mostly cooked ahead. The [illegible] and hash may [illegible] egg poaching and assembling [illegible] small group [illegible] ones. The eggs [illegible] cooked to

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ground mushrooms simmered in butter or by creamed ham—with almost any filling. These tartlets make a wonderful dish for a late Sunday breakfast at any time.

MENU

MELON AND WHITE GRAPE CUP
TARTLETS OF CHICKEN HASH TOPPED WITH POACHED EGGS*
SPINACH AND BACON SALAD
STRAWBERRY ICE GARNISHED WITH UNHULLED STRAWBERRIES
WEDDING CAKE
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Tartlets of Chicken Hash with Poached Eggs

2 cups sifted flour
Salt, pepper
8 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons vegetable shortening
1 egg yolk
4 cups cooked minced chicken breasts
2 cups cream sauce
1 teaspoon powdered chicken stock concentrate
16 eggs
1 cup Hollandaise sauce (see recipe for Sauce Mousseline, below right)
16 slices truffle (optional) or black olive

Sift the flour and ¾ teaspoon salt into a bowl. Make a well in the flour. Place the butter, shortening and egg yolk in the well. Work with your finger tips until the mixture looks like coarse corn meal. Add the least amount of ice water to make a ball of the dough. Chill until needed.

Roll out the pastry dough until thin and loosely line 16 buttered tart molds, keeping the dough ½" higher than the mold as it will shrink in baking. Prick with a fork and line shells with waxed paper and rice. Bake for about 10 minutes in a preheated 425° oven, or until delicately golden. Remove paper and rice from tarts.

While the tarts are baking, mix the chicken with the cream sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste and the chicken stock concentrate. Add a little milk or cream if the mixture seems dry. Fill each tart with ¼ cup of the chicken hash mixture.

When ready to assemble, poach the eggs in salted boiling water with a spoonful of white vinegar. Remove the eggs to a folded towel to drain. Trim off ragged edges and place an egg in each tart. Cover with one tablespoon Hollandaise sauce and decorate with a slice of truffle or black olive. Serves 8.

Note: For Hollandaise, follow recipe for Sauce Mousseline, but omit whipped cream.

Seated summer wedding luncheon

A noon wedding in summer followed by a seated lunch might be planned around a cool sea theme with the table decorated with flower-filled shells and the first course of jellied soup served in abalone shells. At this time of year, fresh salmon mousse is exquisite wedding party fare. It would also make a delightful main or first course for any small seated luncheon party. The following recipe for Hot Salmon Mousse will serve 8, but may be increased for a large party. (If it is to be a first course or part of a multiple dish buffet meal, it will of course serve more.)

MENU

JELLIED CLAM AND CHICKEN BOUILLON TOPPED WITH CAVIAR
HOT SALMON MOUSSE WITH SAUCE MOUSSELINE*
SALAD OF SLICED CUCUMBER, AVOCADO AND TOMATO WEDGES WITH HERBED FRENCH DRESSING
HOT ROLLS
FRESH PEACHES AND CHERRIES WITH KIRSCH
WALNUT WEDDING CAKE*
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Hot Salmon Mousse

3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1½ teaspoons salt
1–5 dashes cayenne pepper
3 egg yolks
2 pounds fresh uncooked salmon
4 egg whites
⅓ cup chopped dill (optional)
1 cup whipped cream, chilled

Make a cream sauce with the butter, flour and milk and season lavishly with the salt and cayenne pepper. Add the egg yolks, stirring briskly. Set aside to cool, and then chill. Grind the salmon or pound it in a mortar to a very fine purée. Set bowl in ice and add egg whites, working thoroughly with a slotted wooden spoon until the mixture is glossy and thickened. Add the cold sauce and chill a while. Add the dill if desired and fold in the cold whipped cream. Pour into an oiled 8-cup mold. Set mold in a basin containing an inch of water. Place buttered waxed paper over the mold and bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 40–45 minutes, adding water to the pan if needed. Unmold and serve with Sauce Mousseline. Serves 8.

Sauce Mousseline

8 egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt
Several dashes cayenne pepper
½ pound sweet butter, cut into small pieces
Juice of 1 lemon
1 cup whipped salted cream

Pour an inch of water into the bottom part of a double boiler and bring it to a mere simmer on a low flame. Place the egg yolks, salt and cayenne pepper in the top part of the double boiler and beat until light. Place the top part over the water- the water should not touch it—and keep beating with a wire whisk until the yolks are thick and light in color. Start adding butter, one piece at a time. If the mixture gets too thick, add a few drops of boiling water from the lower pan. Alternate butter with a few drops of lemon juice until desired lemon taste is acquired. Fold in the whipped cream and serve right away. This sauce cannot be kept hot, although it may be put over tepid water.

Chopped dill, parsley or, for sheer elegance, chopped truffles may be added.

Walnut Wedding Cake

1½ cups egg whites
Pinch salt
2 cups sugar
10 egg yolks
2 tablespoons dry cocoa
1½ cups ground walnuts
2½ cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons vanilla

Beat the egg whites and salt until foamy. Gradually beat in [illegible] very stiff and glossy. Beat the egg yolks with the remaining [illegible] ribbon when the beater is lifted. Add [illegible] to the yolks. Pour the yolks into the meringue and fold in with the walnuts and flour. Fold in the vanilla.

Line large and small well-buttered spring-form pans with waxed paper and butter the paper. Pour in the batter and cut through it with a silver knife to eliminate air pockets. Bake for 1 hour in a preheated 350° oven. Test by pressing gently with a finger. When the cake is done, the top will be springy. Invert pans on racks. Cool. Unmold. Cut cakes in half and fill with Mocha Butter Filling and frost with White Icing.

Mocha Butter Filling

1¾ cups sugar
4 egg yolks
¼ cup very strong coffee
2 tablespoons powdered cocoa
16 tablespoons sweet butter

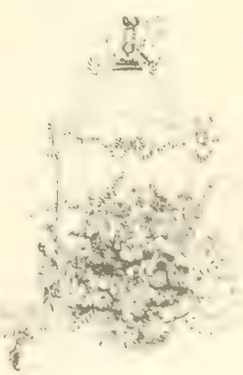
Make a syrup with 1¼ cups water and the sugar by boiling 5 minutes, or until a candy thermometer registers 240°. Beat the egg yolks until light and thick. Pour the syrup onto the egg yolks, beating all the time until cool. Beat in the coffee and cocoa. Cream the butter until fluffy. Gradually work in the egg-syrup mixture, beating all the time. Spread thickly between layers of the cakes.

White Icing

4 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
2 cups boiling water
2 cups confectioners' sugar

Boil the sugar, cream of tartar and water in a saucepan until it makes a thin syrup. Cool a little and add enough confectioners' sugar to make an icing that will pour. Place smaller cake on top of large one on a cake rack over a platter. Pour icing over the cakes. Scrape up icing from the platter and soften over warm water until all the icing is used. If this cake is not used for a wedding, the recipe may be halved and the icing may be chocolate or mocha.

Up-in-the-air decorations



Keep space uncrowded [illegible] of a modest amount of materials) by hanging your flower decorations. Suspend blossom-filled baskets from a door lintel to add color and fragrance to a room. For a [illegible] reception, top poles with pastel-painted bird cages brimming with colorful blooms.

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Seated winter wedding luncheon

While the menu for the summer wedding luncheon can be easily prepared for twenty-four or even thirty-two guests, this luncheon is designed for a smaller gathering, as the main course of roasted Rock Cornish hens indicates. Crab Quiche, which can be made ahead, frozen and reheated, is a versatile dish, good for a luncheon or Sunday night supper main course or for a pre-theatre meal. Baked in small tart shells, it is an excellent cocktail appetizer.

MENU

CRAB QUICHE*

ROCK CORNISH HENS ROASTED WITH TARRAGON AND BASTED WITH PORT

GREEN BEANS JULIENNE WITH BROWN BUTTER AND PARSLEY

BIBB LETTUCE WITH SLICED BEETS AND ENDIVE, OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING

COLD POACHED ORANGES WITH ALMONDS AND COINTREAU*

CHOCOLATE LEAVES WEDDING CAKE

CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Crab Quiche

Pastry for 8"–9" shell (see recipe for tartlets, page 177)
1 *egg yolk*
1 *tablespoon flour*
4 *eggs*
2 *cups light cream*
Salt, cayenne pepper, nutmeg to taste
1 *pound crab meat, cleaned and flaked*
1 *onion, grated*
2 *tablespoons minced celery*
3 *tablespoons chopped parsley*

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix pastry as for tartlets. Roll out thin and line a well-buttered 8"–9" pie pan. Flute the edge high and chill until needed.

Mix the egg yolk and flour in a bowl. Lightly beat in the whole eggs and cream. Season with salt, cayenne pepper and nutmeg. Add the crab meat, onion, celery and parsley. Pour into the pastry shell and bake for 45 minutes, or until the filling is puffed and golden. Cool the tart for a few minutes before cutting and serving. Serves 8.

Cold Poached Oranges with Almonds and Cointreau

8 *large navel oranges*
2½ *cups sugar*
½ *cup Cointreau or orange liqueur*
¾ *cup blanched and slivered almonds*

Peel the whole oranges with a knife, removing the rind and pith and exposing the pulp. Remove all pith from the orange rind and cut rind into fine julienne with a sharp knife. Make a syrup by boiling the sugar and 2 cups water and poach the rind for 30 minutes. Poach the oranges in the syrup just long enough to give them one rolling boil. Do not let them get limp. Arrange oranges in a serving dish. Add orange liqueur to the syrup and pour over the oranges. Sprinkle with the slivered almonds. Chill well before serving. Serve the cold poached oranges with chocolate leaves. Serves 8.

Afternoon wedding reception

When large numbers of guests have been invited, it has become the fashion for the seated meal to give way to a more informal kind of wedding reception. Young people in particular prefer to wander around rather than be ensconced for two hours in one spot. Older people, on the other hand, would rather not stand too long. The answer, if you are having a large reception after a 4 o'clock wedding, is to serve a selection of foods that can be eaten out of hand, such as little turnovers, puffs and sandwiches, and during the period of the receiving line, circulate drinks, champagne and trays of hors d'oeuvres to quiet hunger pangs. Be sure there are adequate seating arrangements so no one who wishes to sit down is forced to eat standing up, and see that the older guests are looked after, waited on and found agreeable table companions. For the following menu, which could also serve for a large cocktail buffet if the cake, champagne, tea and coffee were eliminated, the little pastries can be prepared ahead of time in quantity, labeled, frozen by the dozen and baked as needed.

MENU

TINY PASTRY TURNOVERS WITH A VARIETY OF FILLINGS*

SANDWICHES OF MINCED CHICKEN, WALNUTS AND MAYONNAISE ON WHITE BREAD

ONE-INCH HAMBURGERS ON TOAST ROUNDS, TOPPED WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE

TINY CREAM PUFFS FILLED WITH VARIOUS MIXTURES*

ASSORTED TEA SANDWICHES: WATERCRESS AND CREAM CHEESE; RAW MINCED MUSHROOMS AND CREAM CHEESE; HAM WITH MUSTARD BUTTER; SMOKED TURKEY ON PUMPERNICKEL BREAD SPREAD WITH SWEET BUTTER

WEDDING CAKE

CHAMPAGNE MIXED DRINKS

TEA COFFEE

Cream Cheese Pastry

1 *pound butter*
1 *pound cream cheese*
4 *cups sifted flour*
Egg yolk mixed with cream or water (optional)

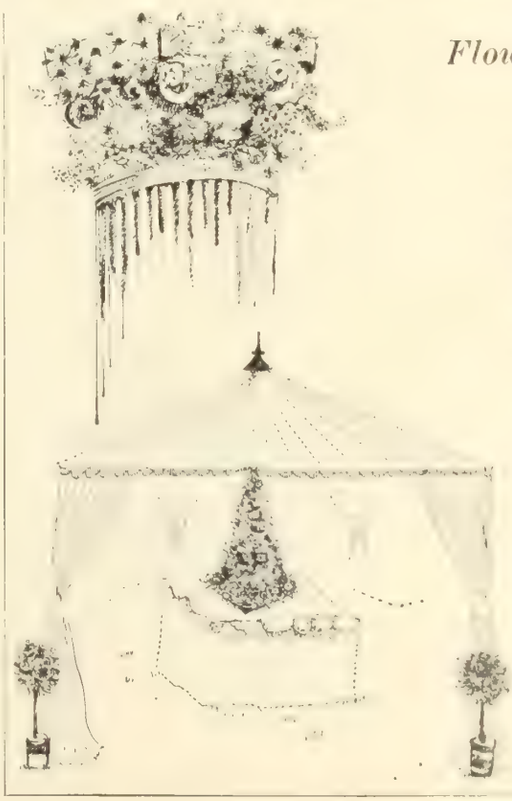
Have butter and cream cheese at room temperature and mix well together. Cut into flour until well mixed. Press pastry into a ball and chill one hour. Roll out to ¼" thickness on a floured board and cut into rounds with a 3" cookie cutter. Keep gathering up pastry and re-rolling until all the dough is used. Place one rounded teaspoon of desired filling on one side of each pastry round and fold empty side over filling. Press down and press edges together with the tines of a fork. Paint turnovers with egg yolk mixed with cream or water if desired. Prick tops with a fork. Place turnovers on a cookie sheet, and bake in a preheated 425° oven for 8–10 minutes, or until delicately golden. The turnovers may be reheated in a 300° oven for about 10 minutes. This amount of pastry will make approximately 60–80 turnovers.

Fillings for Turnovers

Lebanese Lamb

3 *tablespoons butter*
1 *cup finely ground lamb*
½ *beaten egg*
½ *teaspoon salt*
⅛ *teaspoon each: nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon*
1–2 *teaspoons beef bouillon*
½ *cup cooked rice*

Melt the butter and add the meat and egg, tossing together with a fork until all the signs of pink have disappeared from the meat. Add the salt and spices. If the mixture looks dry, add a teaspoon or two of beef bouillon. Mix with the cooked rice. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.



Flower and foliage backgrounds

Plants, flowers and greenery are favored all around the country as the easiest and most appropriate of all wedding decorations. In Hawaii, flower leis are swagged from pew to pew in the church; for a garden ceremony, young girls holding leis form an aisle for the wedding party. In both Hawaii and California, potted plants (rented or borrowed) are sunk into the ground to "flesh out" background planting at garden weddings. For one Hawaiian wedding where the sit-down breakfast was served in a tent, the main table was cut out around the center pole, umbrella-table fashion, the hole filled in with chicken wire that rose around the pole in a pyramid covered with greenery and white gardenias. Chicken wire masked with dampened moss studded with closely massed flowers and leaves atop plastic columns was devised by Jones the Florist, of Cincinnati, to give a garden atmosphere to a ballroom in an impersonal club room. Twin walls of chicken wire fastened to each side of the uprights and stuffed with huckleberry bushes to resemble a hedge made a beguiling background for the receiving line.

Beef and Dill

3–4 tablespoons butter
½ small onion, minced
½ pound lean ground beef
½ slightly beaten egg
Salt, pepper to taste
2 tablespoons fresh cut dill (cut with scissors and include some stems for flavor)
1–2 teaspoons beef bouillon
½ cup cooked rice

Melt the butter and cook the onion 1 minute. Add the meat and egg and keep tossing together with a fork until all the signs of red have disappeared from the meat. Season with salt and pepper—season highly if the turnovers are to be eaten with cocktails. Toss with the dill. If the mixture looks dry, add a teaspoon or two of beef bouillon. Combine the meat mixture with the rice. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Empanada

½ cup seedless raisins
½ small onion, minced
1 clove garlic, minced or crushed
½ pound minced lean beef
3–4 tablespoons olive oil, heated
1 teaspoon flour
3–4 tablespoons water or beef bouillon
1 dozen pitted green olives, chopped
Salt, pepper to taste

Soak raisins in boiling water for ½ hour. Drain well. Sauté the onion, garlic and beef in the hot olive oil. Add the flour and brown a little. Add the water or bouillon. Add the raisins, olives and season with salt and pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Beurek

10 ounces Feta cheese (Greek cheese)
Light cream
½ cup chopped parsley
Freshly ground black pepper

Soften the cheese with a little cream. (Feta is packed in tins and is hard and very salty. It will make a rather crumbly mixture.) Mix with parsley and plenty of black pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Shrimp and Water Chestnut

2 tablespoons butter
1½ cups minced cooked shrimp
2 teaspoons flour
½ cup (approximately) light cream
1 tablespoon tomato paste
3 tablespoons dry vermouth
1 tablespoon chopped chives
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 small can water chestnuts, chopped
Salt, pepper to taste

Heat the butter and sauté the shrimp a minute or two. Add the flour and cook a little. Add the cream, tomato paste and vermouth to make a smooth sauce. There should be just enough to bind the mixture. Add the chives, parsley, water chestnuts, salt and pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50–60 turnovers.

Cream Puffs

2 cups water
½ pound butter
Scant teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
8 eggs

Bring water, butter and salt to a boil in a large saucepan. Add flour all at once and stir briskly with a spoon over low heat until the mixture makes a ball in the center of the pan. Cook a few minutes, stirring. Remove from heat and add eggs one by one, beating hard with each addition. With a teaspoon make rounded mounds of the dough on ungreased cookie sheets about 2″ apart and bake in a preheated 375° oven about 15–20 minutes, or until puffed and golden and no moisture shows. Prick with tip of a knife to let steam escape, or open one to test whether puffs are done. Makes about 75 puffs. *Note:* If puffs are too large after baking first batch, use less dough on teaspoon when making next batch.

Fillings for Cream Puffs

Roquefort-Cognac

½ pound Roquefort cheese
3 tablespoons heavy cream
¼ pound butter, softened
¼ cup cognac
3–4 shakes cayenne pepper

Mash the cheese well with the cream until softened. Add the softened butter, cognac and cayenne pepper. Whip to a smooth fluffy mixture. Fill puffs with 1 rounded teaspoon of mixture. This makes enough filling for about 60 puffs.

Chicken-Walnut Mousse

2 large breasts of chicken, cooked
½ cup mayonnaise
1–2 tablespoons heavy cream
Salt, pepper to taste
10 large walnut halves, chopped
6 tablespoons whipped cream



Charming ideas for a country wedding at home

"A real homemade wedding," was the request of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thurston's daughter Susan, so her mother, an interior designer, devised and carried out a simple country wedding with echoes of old England that was both original and a joyous celebration. As the wedding at the Thurstons' home in Katonah, N. Y., was in late August, zinnias were the chosen theme. Bridesmaids wore long linen dresses in pink, orange, rose and yellow, with sashes and tiny medieval pillboxes, carried zinnia bouquets. The flower girls had baskets of zinnias, flung the petals like confetti. After the ceremony, guests were welcomed with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in a Camelot-like yellow-and-white striped tent in the garden, which held the bar and small tables with zinnia-colored cloths. Baskets of zinnias were disposed inside and out and the center pole decked like a maypole with zinnia-colored streamers. Later, a table was revealed, piled with wicker baskets tied with zinnia-colored ribbons, each holding an individual picnic supper of cold chicken, French bread, cheese, white grapes and a small *fiasco* of wine, to be eaten at tables or on the grass, as the guests chose. As darkness fell, the finishing touch appeared—a table bearing the wedding cake and a platter of individual plum puddings. The bride cut the cake, the groom flamed the puddings with brandy and the guests toasted in champagne the happy couple and a wedding party that was a true labor of love.

Grind the chicken breasts very fine twice. Mix with the mayonnaise and cream. Season with salt and pepper. Add the walnuts and fold in the whipped cream. This makes enough filling for 50 puffs.

Smoked Salmon Mousse

8 large slices smoked salmon
4 tablespoons butter, softened
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
Freshly ground black pepper
½ cup whipped cream

Chop or grind the salmon to make a paste. Add the softened butter, horseradish and pepper. Fold in the whipped cream. Fill the puffs. This makes enough filling for 50 puffs.

Wedding eve dinners

In the following menus, the recipes for the main dishes are designed to make meal-planning easy. Both have a rich sauce, so all they need by way of accompaniment is a mixed green or cold vegetable salad or a hot vegetable with butter sauce plus hot rolls or French bread. A simple soup or first course and a light fruit dessert with cookies or a fruit tart round out the meal. Either of these dinners could be served on the eve of the wedding when no formal dinner has been planned; or they would make good Friday night meals for weekend guests since the main dishes may be made ahead of time and reheated, a great advantage to the hostess without help. The recipes given in the following dinner menus are for 8, but they may be halved, doubled or tripled according to the guest list.

MENU FOR DINNER #1

HOT CHICKEN BROTH WITH AVOCADO SLICES
SOLE AU GRATIN*
COLD STRING BEAN SALAD,
OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING
HOT ROLLS
APRICOT TART
DRY WHITE WINE SUCH AS SOAVE OR VERDICCHIO
COFFEE

Sole au Gratin

¾ pound butter
1 onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 small carrot, chopped
Bouquet garni (bay leaf, peppercorns, sprigs of parsley and thyme)
2 cups dry white wine
Salt, pepper
8 large fillets gray sole
4 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
2½ pounds mushrooms, ground or very finely chopped
6 tablespoons flour
1 cup light cream
¾ cup grated Gruyère cheese
Bread crumbs

Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in a large shallow pan and add the chopped vegetables and bouquet garni. Steam until the vegetables are limp. Add the wine and 4 cups water and simmer 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Poach sole fillets in this bouillon on top of the range for about 10 minutes, until firm and white.

Melt 6 tablespoons butter in a skillet and sauté the shallots and ground mushrooms together for 8 minutes. Butter 2 ovenproof dishes using 2 tablespoons butter for each. Place a layer of the mushrooms in the bottom of each dish. Drain fish, fold over lengthwise and arrange over the mushrooms. Strain the fish broth and reduce to 5 cups by rapid boiling. Make a sauce by melting 8 tablespoons butter in a saucepan and adding the flour, stirring until smooth and thickened. Stir in the cream and grated cheese. Pour the sauce over the fish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with butter. Brown under the broiler until golden and bubbly. Serves 8.



Weddingparty inspirations

Although eating is hardly the *raison d'être* of a wedding party, everyone enjoys it more when the food is imaginative or presented in a different way. For afternoon receptions, the Portland, Ore., catering service Yours Truly provides cakes that, while traditionally iced, break with tradition inside—chocolate with mocha filling, orange sponge with orange filling, or a hazelnut torte with strawberries and whipped cream between the thin layers. In addition to the old dependable chicken sandwiches, they serve lots of little hot and cold tasties: tiny turnovers filled with pâté or a spinach mixture, silver-dollar-size toast cups filled with sour-creamed mushrooms, petits mignons (thin slices of beef filet rolled with butter, horseradish and mustard), even baby hamburgers on 2-inch buns. As a going-away gift to the bride and groom (usually too excited to eat at their own reception), Yours Truly provisions a white cardboard box with selected appetizers (choosing those that hold up well), plus nuts, mints, wedding cake. A second box holds champagne and two tulip-shaped crystal glasses. An unusual (and highly successful) wedding-eve party in the South was a barbecue picnic lighted by torches and bonfires. The hearty food (spitted roast beef, barbecued chicken, scalloped oysters, corn bread, salad, apple pie and ice cream) was served from trestle tables covered with gay cloths, eaten on benches or pillows on the ground to music supplied by red-coated musicians in a buckboard wagon, who played on for square dancing.



MENU FOR DINNER #2

LUMP CRAB MEAT COCKTAIL WITH
HOT COCKTAIL SAUCE
CHICKEN CUTLETS MARÉCHALE
KASHA SLICED BUTTERED BEETS
FRENCH BREAD
HOT FRUIT COMPOTE (SELECTED CANNED FRUITS COMBINED WITH BANANAS, RAISINS, PRUNES) WITH COGNAC, IN A CHAFING DISH
YOUNG RED WINE SUCH AS BEAUJOLAIS
COFFEE

Chicken Cutlets Maréchale

4 slices white bread, crusts removed
½ cup (approximately) heavy cream
3 eggs, separated
Salt, pepper
½ teaspoon white pepper
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
4 double breasts of chicken, boned and ground
1 tablespoon butter, softened
1 small onion, ground or grated
Bread crumbs
11 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 beef bouillon cube
4 shallots or 1 medium onion, minced
1 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 cup sour cream, warmed

Soak the bread in the cream, using enough cream to make a smooth paste. Add the egg yolks, 1 teaspoon salt, white pepper and nutmeg. Beat to blend. Mix with the finely ground chicken, softened butter and onion. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold thoroughly into the chicken mixture. Shape into 2″ rounds, 1″ thick. Roll in bread crumbs. Heat butter as needed (you will need 8 tablespoons in all) and sauté cakes gently for about 8–10 minutes on each side.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. When butter is hot, add the flour and cook gently 3–4 minutes. Add the milk and cook stirring until sauce is thick and smooth. Dilute the bouillon cube in the sauce. Sauté the shallots and sliced mushrooms in the remaining butter (add more butter, if needed) in a separate pan. Season with salt and pepper. Strain the cream sauce into the mushroom mixture and simmer a minute or two. Add the heated sour cream. Pour over the cutlets. This dish may be reheated. If the sauce separates, add a little heavy cream. Serves 8.

Bachelor dinner

The bachelor dinner requires [illegible] the predominantly light [illegible] far. The following menu might [illegible] any special occasion [illegible] dinner, or during the [illegible]

MENU

BOULA-BOULA (PEA AND TURTLE SOUP WITH SHERRY TOPPED WITH SALTED WHIPPED CREAM)

ROASTED SIRLOIN SHELL OF BEEF WITH TRUFFLE SAUCE* RED BURGUNDY

POTATOES ANNA*

CASSEROLE OF EGGPLANT, SQUASH AND TOMATOES*

ORANGE AND ROMAINE SALAD

DEEP DISH APPLE PIE WITH CHEDDAR CHEESE

CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Roasted Sirloin Shell of Beef with Truffle Sauce

10-pound sirloin shell of beef
4 shallots
1 large onion
1 carrot
1 stalk celery
1 cup white wine
2 cups beef bouillon
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon cornstarch
4–5 truffles, minced

Roast the shell of beef with the shallots, onion, carrot and celery in a 400° oven for 20 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350° and continue roasting for another 40–50 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°. Halfway through the cooking time, add the white wine, but do not baste the beef. When the beef is done to taste, remove and keep warm. Add the bouillon to the pan and deglaze pan over low heat. Add the tomato paste and simmer a few minutes. Dilute cornstarch with a little cold water and add. Stir until the sauce is very slightly thickened. Strain and add the minced truffles. Serve sauce separately. Serves 8.

Potatoes Anna

10 medium Idaho potatoes
½ pound butter, melted
Salt, freshly ground black pepper

Peel and slice potatoes into even rounds. Put in salted ice water until ready to use. Generously butter two 8″ pie plates. Dry the potatoes thoroughly and arrange them in the pie plates in a circle with the rounds overlapping. Pour melted butter over each layer, salting lightly and peppering generously. Continue until dishes are full. Preheat oven to 400° and bake potatoes until crusty and brown. Invert on round platters and cut like a pie. Serves 8.

Casserole of Eggplant, Squash and Tomatoes

½–¾ cup olive oil
6 onions, sliced
2 small eggplants, washed and diced
2 large zucchini, washed and diced
2 medium summer squash, washed and diced
Salt, pepper, thyme, coriander
1 teaspoon dried basil
6 tomatoes, chopped

Heat the olive oil in a large iron skillet or casserole. Cook the onions on low heat until transparent, about 10 minutes. Dry the eggplant, zucchini and squash well and add to the onions. Stir well and cook covered for 20 minutes. Season with salt, pepper, a good pinch of thyme, a little coriander (just enough to cover the point of a knife) and basil. Add the chopped tomatoes and cook again covered for 20 minutes. Uncover the pan and cook 10–15 minutes, or until some of the moisture disappears. Transfer the vegetable mixture to an earthenware casserole and serve. Serves 8.

Bridesmaids' luncheon

The main dish for this luncheon is rich and needs only a salad and soft rolls, a fruit dessert. It might also be served at a bridge luncheon.

MENU

EGGS ALEXANDRA*

GREEN SALAD WITH THINLY SLICED RAW ZUCCHINI AND RADISHES, OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING FLAVORED WITH TARRAGON

ROLLS

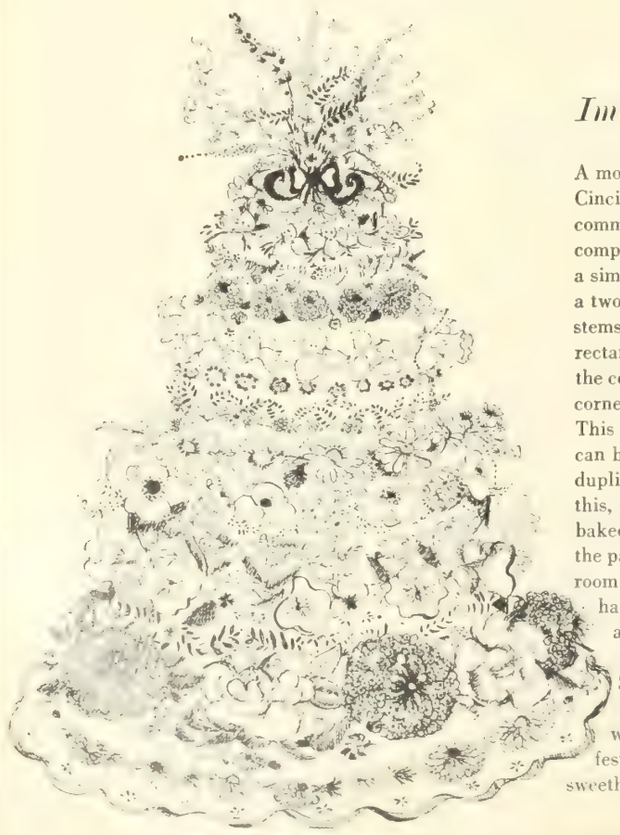
RASPBERRIES WITH SOUR CREAM

COFFEE

Eggs Alexandra

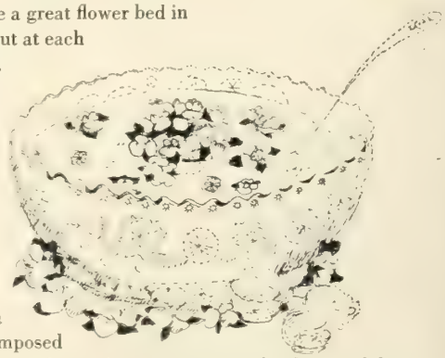
12 large hard-cooked eggs
Butter
3 shallots or 1 small onion, minced
1 cup ground mushrooms
Salt, pepper
1 cup ground ham
6 cups cream sauce
1 cup bread crumbs

Halve the eggs lengthwise. Scoop out the yolks and strain through a fine strainer. Heat 4 tablespoons butter in a frying pan and sauté shallots and mushrooms for 5 minutes. Season with a little salt and a lot of pepper. Cool a little. Mix with the ham and sieved yolks. Add 1 cup of the sauce and season to taste. Fill the egg whites with the mixture, reshaping as for a full egg. Sprinkle well with bread crumbs. If any yolk mixture is left, add to the remaining sauce. Pour some of the sauce into a buttered baking dish, arrange the eggs in it and pour the remaining sauce over them. Sprinkle with rest of crumbs and dot with butter. Bake in a 375° preheated oven until hot and golden. Serves 6.



Imaginative centerpieces for wedding tables

A mock wedding cake composed entirely of flowers, suggested by Jones the Florist, of Cincinnati, makes an enchanting buffet centerpiece, sure to catch the eyes and comments of the guests. The underpinnings are simply rings of Styrofoam or dampened moss completely covered with large and small blossoms stuck in with toothpicks. You can get a similar effect by inverting a small hatbox on top of a large one to imitate a two-tier cake form, punching holes in them and then inserting the flower stems. Another innovation spotted at a Houston wedding was a large, rectangular cake—real this time—decorated like a great flower bed in the center of the table, with quarter circles cut out at each corner and replaced by pots of lily-of-the-valley. This departure from the normal tiered cake can be carried out in a cake of a shape that duplicates the design of the cloth. To effect this, make a plywood pattern, place the baked cake on it, cut in the shape of the pattern and frost. If there is not enough room for flowers on a buffet table, simply hang baskets of wire or bamboo over it and fill them with geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias. Or copy a charming idea seen at a Southern wedding: a huge wedding bell composed entirely of sweet peas massed on a chicken-wire frame (sweet peas were the theme of the wedding with the bridesmaids' dresses in sweet-pea colors). Punch bowls, too, can be made festive with flowers: Float tiny blossoms (vanda orchids, small gardenias, stephanotis, open sweetheart roses) Polynesian style on the surface, cluster them on the block of ice in the center.





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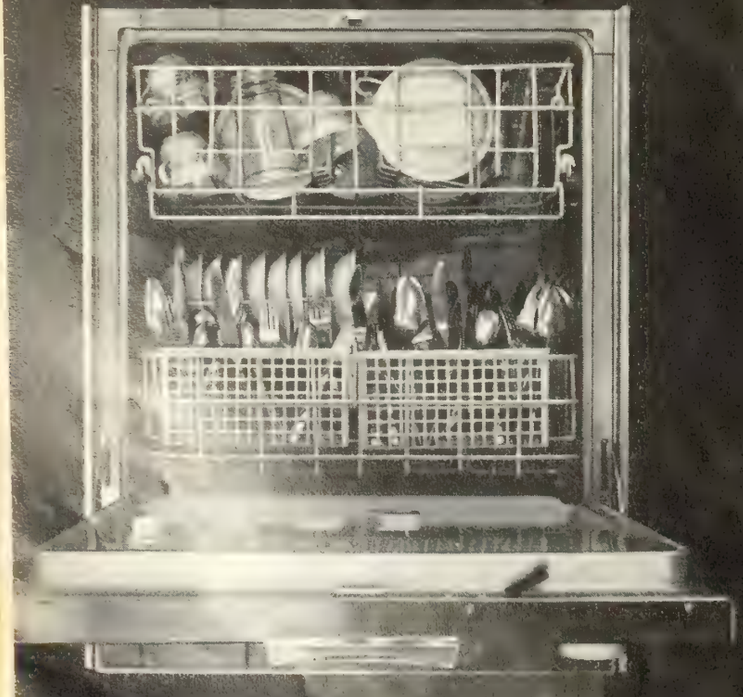
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6. A typical wine from the Rheingau—a Schloss Vollrads or a Schloss Johannisberger.
7. An Italian wine—a light Valpolicella or a rougher, heavier wine, such as a Barolo.
8. A wine from Spain or Portugal—a Rioja or a Vinho Verde.
9. Two representative American wines, such as a California Pinot Noir or Emerald Dry Riesling and a white wine from the Finger Lakes area of New York State.
10. Naturally, a great champagne of a fabled year.

The next book I would recommend is the fourth revised edition of Alexis Lichine's "Wines of France" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1964, $5.95), one of the standards in the field since its appearance in 1951. Alexis Lichine is a chatelain and importer as well as an expert writer in the field. He has enormous and honest enthusiasm about his subject and has written a highly readable book, filled with delightful lore of the various wine districts, along with suggestions for serving, excellent maps and general advice. Since Mr. Lichine makes a specialty of French wines, I think his book—if it is to be a wedding gift—should be accompanied by a case of rather fancy French vintages:

1. One or two wines from Lichine's own vineyards, say Château Prieuré-Lichine and a Château Lascombes.
2. Three Bordeaux—a fine Médoc or Graves, a St. Émilion, and a Pomerol. Two of these should be of a fine year. Select one of the two to be reserved for an anniversary dinner, and write a note to accompany it.
3. One of the great Bordeaux Sauternes, served as a dessert wine.
4. A bottle of outstanding Chablis—a young one.
5. One of the great white Burgundies, a Meursault or a Montrachet, or perhaps a Chassagne-Montrachet.
6. An excellent Chambertin or a Vosne-Romanée.



Team a novice's tasting of wines from around the world with Frank Schoonmaker's definitive encyclopedia, a folding rack (in either of two sizes), zigzag corkscrew and tôle wine coaster.



Flatter wine enthusiasts with Alexis Lichine's book on French wines, a sampling of vintages, a workmanlike galvanized honeycomb rack, white ceramic wine coaster and the basic corkscrew used by wine waiters.

7. Perhaps a Nuits-St. Georges.
8. A red Chassagne-Montrachet—for the game of comparison, if you have already decided to include the white.
9. From the Beaujolais district—a Fleurie, a Juliénas or a Moulin-à-Vent.

This is a fabulous list, and one that any young couple should be delighted to drink their way through.

Any wine cellar and library should certainly take into account our own fine American wines. Greyton Taylor, one of the best wine producers of New York State, has written an extremely useful book, "Treasury of Wine and Wine Cookery" (Harper & Row, 1963, $5.95), which covers his experience as a wine grower and presents his general views on wine, together with a large number of recipes for cooking with wine. Robert Lawrence Balzer's "The Pleasures of Wine" (Bobbs-Merrill, 1964, $8.50) is entertaining and informative and concentrates on the wines of California, where the author lives. Again, recipes are included.

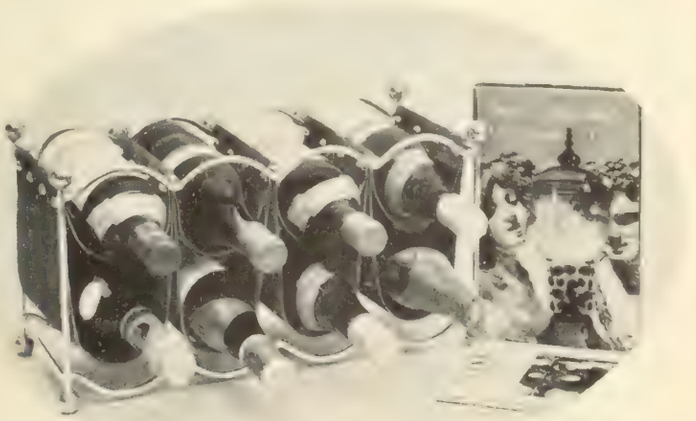
With either the Taylor or the Balzer book, I would send a case of mixed California and New York State wines, such as:

1. A fine Cabernet Sauvignon.
2. An excellent Pinot Noir.
3. A Zinfandel.
4. A Johannisberg Riesling.
5. A Chenin Blanc or White Pinot.
6. A Grignolino Rosé.
7. A fine champagne, perhaps the Almadén Blanc de Blancs.
8. Great Western's new Vin Blanc Sec.
9. One of the true American varietals—an Elvira or Catawba.
10. A wine from the High Tor vineyards.
11. A flowery gewürztraminer.
12. A dessert wine—a New York State trockenbeerenauslese.

It is impossible to estimate the cost of any of these suggested wine collections because the prices of wines vary widely. The best thing is to decide on a budget and consult your wine dealer on selecting wines within it.

For the wine library alone, I would add "The Wine Handbook" (Hawthorn Books, 1964, $2.50) by the British publisher and authority George Rainbird. This pocket-sized volume is a mere 6½ by 4 inches, handy to take along when traveling abroad as its coverage of wines is world-wide. Not just the well-known wine-producing countries, but also Algeria, Malta, Crete, Turkey, Egypt, Luxembourg, the Iron Curtain countries, Australia and South Africa are included.

Finally, to encourage an interest in the perfect marriage of wine and food, you might send the young marrieds a subscription to the British quarterly, "Wine & Food" which can be ordered from Condé Nast Publications Inc., Greenwich, Conn., and costs $4 a year. Two companion books on the arts of eating and drinking, with articles and essays by writers such as Evelyn Waugh, Joseph Wechsberg, Elizabeth David, Cyril Ray, Hugh Johnson and André Simon, are: "The House & Garden Wine Book" English edition (this may be ordered from House & Garden, Greenwich, Conn., for $1.50), and "The Compleat Imbiber" (seventh edition, Studio Vista, $7.50), a collection of witty, well-written essays published yearly in England. It can be ordered, plus postage, from the British Book Centre, 122 East 55th Street, New York, N. Y., 10022.



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HOUSE & GARDEN'S COOKING CLUB

Boiling, steaming and poaching

Boiling, steaming, simmering and poaching are allied methods of cooking with water and other liquids. Water boils when it reaches a temperature of 212° F. at sea level (the temperature decreases 1° for every 500 feet of altitude) and bubbles rise to the surface and break. There are different boils—fast, medium and slow. In a fast boil, the liquid seethes, rolls, rises and vaporizes. This kind of boil is called for when a stock has to be reduced rapidly by evaporation, or in steaming to produce sufficient volume of vapor to cook the food. With a medium boil, the heat is not so intense and the water reduces more slowly. In a slow boil, almost a simmer, the bubbles just break the surface. Simmering water, just below the boiling point, moves gently and the bubbles break below the surface. This is the temperature for cooking stews and sauces, soups and meats or poultry. In poaching, the temperature is still lower and the liquid does not bubble at all, but barely shivers—the French call this a *faible ébullition*. Fish, quenelles and eggs are usually poached.

Boiling and steaming

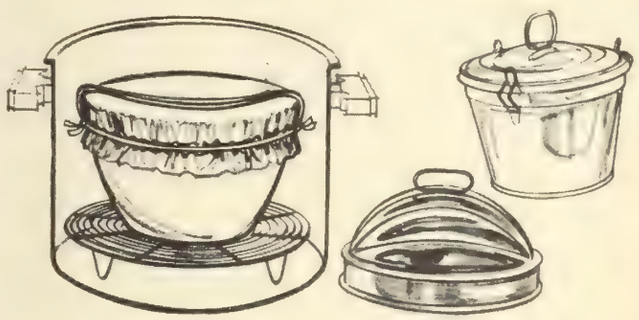
The word boiled as applied to certain foods is a misnomer. Boiled beef and chicken are not boiled at all, but simmered after being brought to a boil, for boiling would disintegrate the muscle fibers and make them dry and stringy. Fish is never boiled, but hardshelled crab and lobster are—they should be plunged into piping hot water or court bouillon and cooked at a rolling boil. Pasta (noodles, macaroni, spaghetti) needs to be cooked in large amounts of rapidly boiling salted water so that the starch granules in the durum wheat paste have room to swell (a tablespoon of oil added to the water stops them sticking to the bottom of the pan).



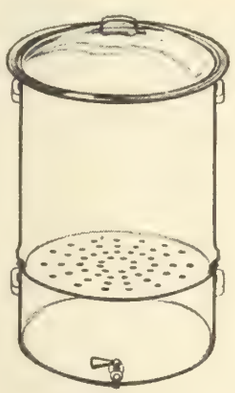
Steamers may be bought or improvised. Three-piece saucepan, top left, has steamer, double boiler inserts. By Revere. About $20. Makeshift steamer, above right, is a colander set in a deep kettle. Colander by Wear-Ever Aluminum. $2.69.* Steam basket, above left, with adjustable sides and legs fits in saucepan or skillet. La Cuisinière, $2.25.*

Vegetables are mostly boiled uncovered in order to release in the steam strong flavors and odors and the acids liberated by cooking. Generally speaking, the amount of water used to cook vegetables is a matter of preference, but artichokes and corn need a deep pan and plenty of liquid, leaf spinach and shredded cabbage are best if cooked in minimum water (spinach only in the water that clings to the leaves after washing), while most other vegetables are cooked in water to cover. You may also steam vegetables over boiling water. This works particularly well for tender young vegetables and frozen vegetables, besides retaining the nutrients that would otherwise be transferred to the water. Herbs added to the steaming water give flavor.

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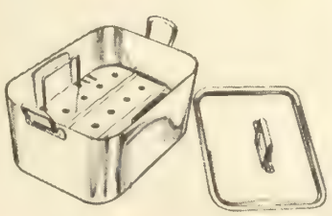
Equipment for steamed puddings includes deep kettle, rack, pudding mold or basin. Tin melon and tube molds, above right, have tight lids, handles. English pudding basin, above left, should be foil-covered with string tied under rim, over top for handle. Basin, $3; melon mold, $5.50; tube mold, $3.75, La Cuisinière. Rack, $1.25, Bazar Français.





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Although stocks are boiled to reduce their water content and intensify the flavor, this should only be done *after* they have been thoroughly simmered, strained and degreased, or the fat and scum will be incorporated into the liquid and turn it cloudy. When the stock is clear and fat-free, you can boil it at full tilt until it becomes no more that a strong meat glaze or *glace de viande*. Mixtures of herbs and wine for flavoring sauces are also boiled down to a glaze. Thin sauces may be thickened by judicious cooking at a slow-to-medium boil over moderate heat.

Boiling—or boiling water—also figures in blanching and scalding. Blanching, in which food is immersed in boiling water and allowed to steep or cook slightly, removes strong flavors, odors and bitterness from such foods as salt pork, cabbage and endive. It also loosens the skins of nuts. Scalding, where the food is briefly submerged in boiling water, then removed and plunged into cold water, is a form of blanching used for vegetables that are to be frozen and as a means of loosening the skins of tomatoes and peaches without actually cooking them.

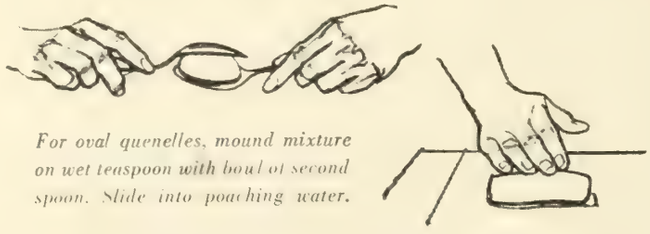
In steaming, the food is not cooked in the boiling liquid, but above it, either in a perforated steamer or the top of a double boiler, by direct contact with steam or the heat it generates. Steaming is a longer, gentler process than boiling. It keeps fish and vegetables firm, dries and separates the grains of rice and other cereals and opens the shells of clams and mussels without overcooking the tender meat or dissipating the juices. Puddings such as Christmas puddings, suet puddings and sponges are also steamed. For this you fill a buttered mold or pudding basin two-thirds to three-quarters full with the pudding mixture (the leeway allows for expansion) and cover it with the lid or a piece of aluminum foil. You then place the mold or basin in the top of a steamer or on a rack in a deep kettle over boiling water (if a rack is used, the water should come no more than halfway up the sides of the mold) and steam it, covered, for the specified time. As the water cooks away, you add more boiling water.

Simmering and poaching

These methods are so closely related that about the best way to distinguish them is to say that in simmering the face of the water shows a grin, while in poaching there is no more than a smile. (For large fish, the water should grin, for fillets, smile.)

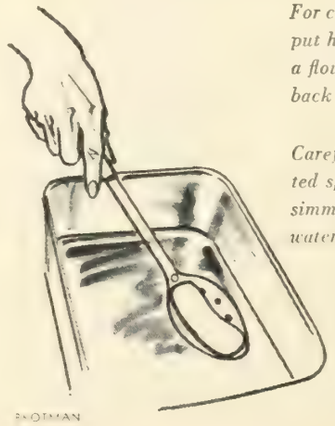
Poaching may be done on top of the stove or in the oven. Whole birds and fish, galantines and ballottines, gnocchi and

How to poach quenelles, gnocchi, galantine or fish



For oval quenelles, mound mixture on wet teaspoon with bowl of second spoon. Slide into poaching water.

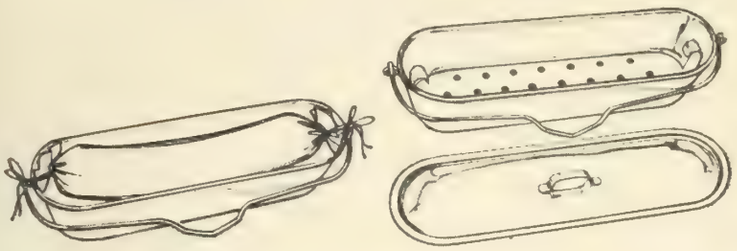
For cylindrical quenelles or gnocchi, put heaping teaspoon of mixture on a floured board. Roll into ball, then back and forth into a cork shape.



Carefully lower quenelles with slotted spoon into a deep pan of barely simmering water. Poach, without water boiling, until firm to touch.

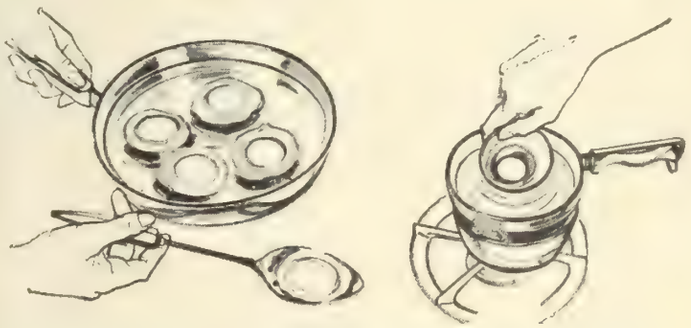
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quenelles, which need large pans and plenty of liquid, are cooked on top of the stove, so are eggs and fruits poached in wine and sugar syrup. Fish fillets are usually cooked in the oven in a buttered fireproof dish after the poaching liquid in the dish has been brought almost to a simmer on top of the stove. (Buttered wax paper on top of the fillets prevents their drying out.)

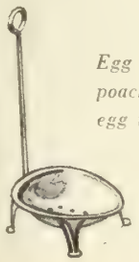


Wrap galantine (boned, stuffed, rolled poultry or meat) in aluminum foil and cloth. Tie ends with string; string to handles of fish cooker, so roll is suspended, covered, in simmering liquid. For whole fish, wrap in cheesecloth, poach on rack. Tinned steel cooker, La Cuisinière, $27.50.

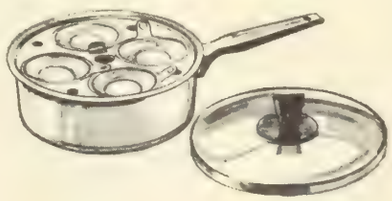
Five ways to poach eggs



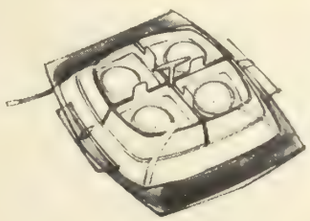
To poach in skillet, have 2" of water simmering. Break egg into custard cup, touch rim to water, slide egg in. Poach; remove with slotted spoon. For saucepan method, stir large amount of simmering water to whirlpool with spoon, slide egg into it. To firm whites, add vinegar to water or dip unshelled egg briefly into boiling water before poaching.



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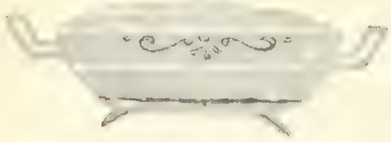
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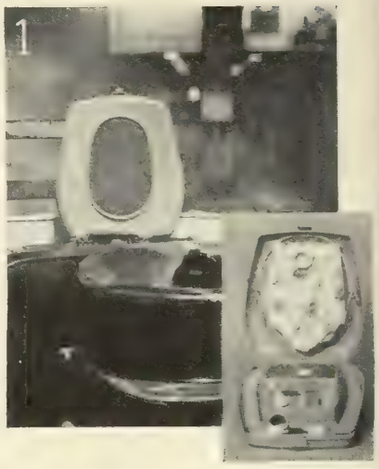
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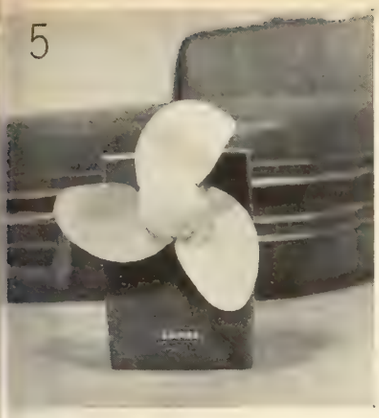
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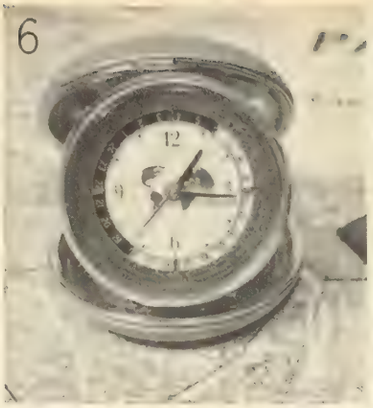
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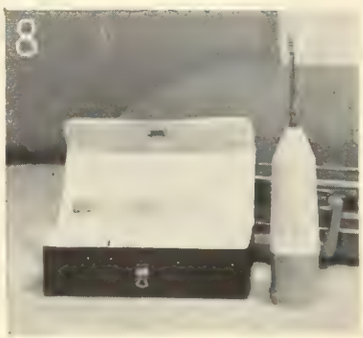


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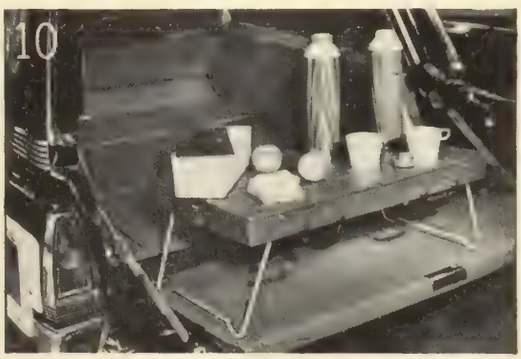
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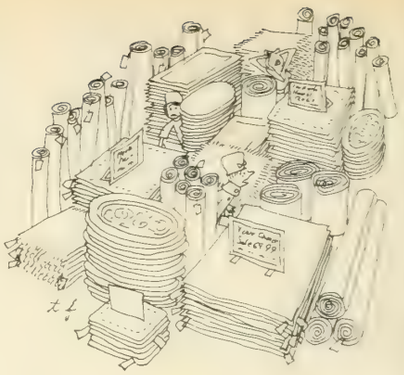




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The marvelous developments in soft floor coverings in the last decade have brought forth numerous new fibers and an entirely new vocabulary, not to mention a barrage of claims for super-properties which might easily confuse you to the point of not believing anything a carpet salesman says. Small wonder that veterans and tyros alike find carpet-shopping a puzzlement. To help clear things up, H&G has talked to leading manufacturers and retailers from coast to coast, and reduced the information we gleaned to a handful of questions and answers on how to buy a carpet intelligently and with confidence.

What is the first thing to consider?

Color. Since the floor is one of the largest areas in the room, its color will inevitably shift the balance of your color scheme, emphasizing certain hues, diminishing the impact of others. If you are furnishing a room from scratch, the carpeting can be the keynote of the whole. If you are looking for carpet to work into a room already furnished, take along samples of the most important fabrics and paint colors and try to keep in mind the size of the floor area in relation to the other colored surfaces. You don't have to make a positive color choice before you start shopping, but a little prethinking will save a great deal of time and the agony of indecision.

Should I buy wall-to-wall carpet or rugs?

That depends. A completely carpeted room looks more spacious because of the unbroken expanse of color and texture. Wall-to-wall installations work magic on strangely shaped or badly proportioned rooms. The feeling of ubiquitous luxury underfoot is pleasant, too. Fully carpeted rooms also make an excellent selling point if you put your house on the market. If you are renting an apartment, however, wall-to-wall is not always practical; you may not be able to sell it when you move, although you can re-cut it.

On the other hand, if your floors are in good condition, properly sized area rugs can accent them beautifully, and today you will find an endless selection of rugs in unusual sizes and shapes. Wall-to-wall carpet in one room and a rug in the room adjoining (in compatible color and style, of course), can be very effective and will give you the best of two important decorating trends.

Which are the most practical—solid colors or patterns, textures or plain weaves?

There is no question but that twists, tweedy mixtures, multicolors and patterns show soil less than deep-pile plain weaves in solid colors. What's more, very dark colors require as much care as pastels. But don't let practicality take away the fun of owning the color, pattern or texture you really like—you will only be bored with your choice and the room will seem uninspired.

Where is the best place to buy carpet?

In the best, most reliable and reputable department, furniture or carpet specialty store in your area. The "best buys" are usually to be had at the prestige stores. Moreover a fine store with a good reputation for fair dealing will stand behind every sale because it buys only from reputable manufacturers who assume the responsibility for faulty merchandise. Never hesitate to ask the carpet salesman for a firm delivery date and information about installation methods, store service and credit terms. Legitimate stores usually offer such information without prompting.

Many fine stores, however, have limited carpet stocks, so shop around before making up your mind. Some stores offer an in-the-

home shopping service so you can see how your selection will look with your other furnishings. But visit the store first to look over the stock before choosing samples to "audition" at home.

Do not, however, confuse this type of service with the door-to-door salesman who turns up unsolicited or with telephone offers of free installation for you if you can produce friends who are good prospects.

What about offers of free padding and installation?

Some very reliable stores offer a "package" or "installed" price which includes underlay and actual installation for wall-to-wall carpet, and they will be happy to give you an itemized breakdown of this total cost. But offers of "free" underlay or installation from the freewheeling carpet retailer who works from his hat or on the telephone are suspect indeed. Nothing is "free," and with such dealers you will have no recourse in case adjustments are called for.

How much should I expect to pay for carpet?

As much as you can afford. Cheap carpeting is the *most* expensive buy since you will have to replace it all too soon. Carpet authorities recommend that you put the lion's share of your budget in carpeting for those areas where it will take the worst punishment. You don't have to be an engineer to figure out the danger zones—heavily traveled hallways and rooms devoted to "fixed" activities such as TV-viewing, dining, etc. Specific prices can be misleading, but, generally speaking, it is not advisable to go below $10 a yard, installed (for carpeting of man-made fibers—you will not find good wool at that price). On the other hand, there is almost no upper limit if you want a very unusual color (most manufacturers offer custom-dye services at an increase in price per yard), an unusual shape or a special weave. But you are likely to find if you pay a little more than you bargained for, you will get a lot more satisfaction.

It makes good sense to level with the carpet salesman re the price you hope to pay. If he is a professional and reputable retailer, he will work within the framework of your budget.

What makes a carpet good?

The quality of the construction and the quantity of the fiber used. The deeper and denser the pile (with no backing visible), the better the fabric. Closely packed surface yarns greatly enhance the wearing characteristics because the tufts support each other and resist bending and abrasion.

What is the best carpet fiber?

This is a loaded question to which there is no pat answer! A top-grade wool carpet has no peer. Acrylic and nylon fibers, however, are highly recommended for the growing family with children and pets since they are more easily cleaned of spills and stains. Good quality cotton makes luscious-looking carpet, but not for heavily traveled areas as it soils easily (cleans beautifully, however). With the new technologies and weaving techniques, the top grade of any of the fibers will produce a good carpet, depending on where you plan to use it.

What kind of underlay?

There are two popular types: felted padding usually made of hair or hair and jute, and rubber padding. The weight of underlay you should have depends on the carpet you buy. The proper weight will greatly enhance the life of the carpet, but heavy padding will never compensate for poor quality in the carpet itself. On the other hand, if you indulge in ankle-deep pile, beware of laying it on a too thick rubber pad—it can be tiring to walk on despite the immediate feeling of luxury.

What is the best way to buy stair carpet?

Stair carpeting gets more wear at the edge of each step and will have to be replaced sooner than other carpeting. It is wise to buy additional yardage for replacement when you buy the original carpet for you may not be able to match it when the time comes. Folding extra carpet double on the landings with the intention of later shifting the carpet and cutting out the worn spots is not recommended—hard folds never come out and results are patchy.

How long should a carpet last?

How high is up? The good full life for a carpet or rug depends on many things such as the initial quality, the wear it is subjected to and the care you give it. Keeping it clean is the most important. Regular vacuuming and periodic professional cleaning (usually not necessary for eighteen months) will prolong the looks as well as the life of any carpet or rug. The experts believe an average carpet of good quality should give a minimum of ten years "prime" service, i.e., look as good as new! Experience has taught that well-cared-for carpets and rugs of good construction will last for many more.

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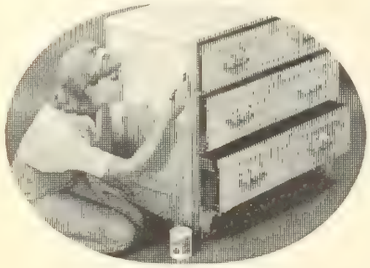
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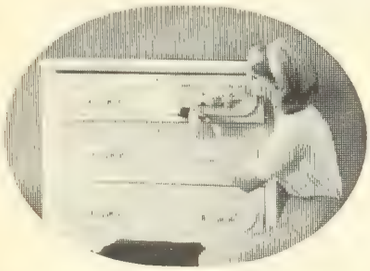
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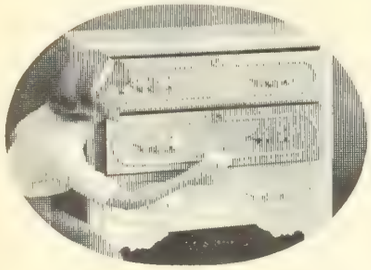
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Upholstery fabric, "Caribbean Poppy" 54" w. cotton, $4.95 yd. Cohama.
Swan chair. Fritz Hansen.*
Side chairs, rush seats and backs, walnut frames, 48" h. Nest of carved tables, brass tops. Bedside chest, carved walnut-finished pine, 23" h. All from Spanish Trading Center.*
Fir "Planktex" paneling. U. S. Plywood Corp.
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Canvas for awning and ceiling over dining area, acrylic coated cotton duck. Cooley, Inc.
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Carpet, in living room, "Catalan" cotton, 6' x 9', $99.95. Cabin Crafts. In bedroom, "Toreador," wool, $15.98 sq. yd. Roxbury Carpet Co.
Tablecloth, "Chive" 70" diam., linen, $8.95. Leacock & Co.
Lamp, on round table, satin chrome tube, slate base, 35" h. Nessen Lamps, Inc.*
Lamp, on bedside chest, white china, 28" h., $35. Wilmar Lamps.
Bedspread and drapery fabric, "Daisy Homestitch," embroidered-cotton, 94" w., $12.95 yd. Fringed bedspread, double, $37.50. Craig Mfg. Co.
Paintings from Babcock Galleries.
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Terrace furniture by The Lloyd Mfg. Co., div. of Heywood-Wakefield.
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Everything available at Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022
Fabric on walls, Tussah silk, $16.50 yd.
Rug, "Palkanetta" 4' x 6', wool, $279.
Floor tiles (on platform), flint, $1.90 sq. ft.
Window screens, "Donegal" linen, $3.50 yd.
Table-desk, glass and steel, 32" x 54", $199.
Cocktail table, steel frame, glass top, 32" sq., $199.
Sofa, upholstery in raw silk, teak frame, 84" l., $634.
Teak table, part of set of 4, $185 the set.
Ceiling, custom-made, teak stained.
Same Space: Two Kitchens
Pages 140 & 141:
Oven; rangetop, washer-dryer. RCA Whirlpool.
Refrigerator. Kelvinator.
Disposal. Waste King.
Food center; exhaust fan. NuTone.
Electric can opener. Trade Wind.
Paper Dispenser. Marchand.
Countertops. Formica.
Vinyl asbestos tile flooring. Kentile.
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Oven; rangetop. Thermador.
Refrigerator. General Electric.
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Table-setting Wardrobes
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Flatware, "Williamsburg Pattern" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $50. "Betsy Patterson" sterling soup ladle, $90. The Stieff Co.
Dinnerware, España china "Blanco" dinner plates, $3.50 ea.; cup and saucer, $3.30. Block China.
Glassware, tumblers, $18 doz. Bryce.
Pewter covered tureen and plate, imported from Italy, $125. Charles Willis, 3380 Peachtree Rd., NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30326
Casseroles, "Heritage" stoneware, 14" l., $6 ea.; brass warming stands, $4 ea. Pfaltzgraff Co.
Lacquer compotes, $4 ea. Rudi's Pottery, 1301 Peninsula Blvd., Hewlett, L. I., N. Y., 11557
Paisley fabric, 45" w. cotton with patent finish, $3 yd. Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Hurricane candles, teardrop-shaped glasses, 6¾" h., Trioxane (odorless air sweetener) added to candles, $1 ea. Will & Baumer.
Pillows. Nettle Creek.
Fringe. Conso.
Mexican flowers, double-weight crepe paper, approx. 25" h., $1.50–$2.50 ea. Papier Malcé, 55 Greenwich Ave., New York, N. Y., 10013
Candlesticks (holding flowers), Finnish unpainted wood, $5.65 ea. Design Research, Inc., 53 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022
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Flatware, glassware, tureen, as above.
Tablecloth, 72" diam., black and brown heavy cotton, $20. E. Braun, 717 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Pewter plates, $15 ea. Block China.
Trays, "Fibrilla" molded fiber glass, small geometric print, $1.50 ea. Kaufmann's, 400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219
Pewter bowls, 5" diam., $8 ea. Bloomingdale's.
Wine goblets, ruby, $4 ea. Bryce Bros.
Candlesticks, Finnish unpainted wood, $9.65 ea. Design Research, Inc.
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Bottom right:
Tablecloth, 70" diam. embroidered linen, $27.50. John Matouk.
Trays, "Fibrilla" molded fiber glass, $1.50 ea. Kaufmann's.
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Page 145:
Cup and saucer, España china "Escorial" pattern, blue and gold band, $5.55. Block China.
Coffeepot, "Blanco" pattern, $13. Block.
Champagne glass, "Regal" cut crystal, $5 ea. Bryce Bros.
Covered embossed casserole, "Henri IV," ovenproof, chip-resistant, 5 qts., $52. Spode.
Salad bowl, staved teak, $51.95, Dansk.
Candlestick, unpainted Finnish wood, 5½" h., $5.65. Design Research, Inc.
Page 146:
Plate, Jamaican cedar, 12" diam., $10.50. Barn at Ben Robyn, 143 E. 62nd St., New York, N. Y. 10021.
Dessert plate, "Primavera" each plate has different botanical painting, $2.50 ea. Richard-Ginori.
Mug, "Tahiti" in chocolate brown, $3.50. Franciscan.
Glasses, "Queen Anne" crystal goblet and wineglass, $5 ea., Fostoria.
Trivet, Portuguese light cork, 11¾" x 8½" x ½" thick, $1.80. Design Research, Inc.
Basket and stand, ceramic, 10" diam., basket, $132; stand, $18.50. Wedgwood.
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Flatware, "Classique" sterling, 5-pc. place setting, $45.25. Gorham.
Dinnerware, "Tahiti" china dinner plates, $3.50 ea.; cup and saucer, $4.30; creamer, $3.95; covered ovensafe casserole, $13.95. Franciscan.
Glassware, "Argus" 10-oz. tumbler, $2.50 ea., 4½-oz. tumbler, $2 ea. Ice pitcher, "Jamestown," $6.50. Fostoria Glass Co.
Copper casserole, 4 qt., $65; warming stand, $50. Mayhew, 603 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Copper demitasse coffeepot, 12 cup, $13.75. Bazar Français, 666 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10010
Tablecloth fabric, "Ataman" 56" w. cotton, $7.40 yd. Pillows, 15" sq., $7.65–$12.85 ea. Design Research, Inc.
Napkins, 18" sq., $1 ea. John Matouk.
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Copper au gratin dishes, 5" diam., $3.95 ea., Bazar Français.
Teak bread-and-butter plates, 5½" sq., 95c ea. Italian wine carafes, pressed glass, ½ liter $2.80. Design Research, Inc.
Salt and pepper shakers, $2 ea. Azuma, Inc., 666 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Napkins, polished cotton, $1 ea. Bloomingdale's.
Bottom right:
Lettuce leaf plates, French, 8" diam., $4.50 ea. Soupçon, 147 E. 70th St., New York, N. Y., 10021
Sterling tea set, "George I" teapot, $235; creamer, $90; sugar bowl, $115. Gorham.
1½ qt. "Tahiti" china pitcher, $9.50. Franciscan.
Napkins, 18" sq., linen, 90c ea. John Matouk.
Page 148, *top:*
Place mats, "Sunburst" transparent plastic, in brilliant green and blue, 12½" x 19", $5 ea. H. J. Stotter.
Flatware, "Legato" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $46.50. Towle.
Dinnerware, "Tempo" china dinner plates, gold geometric design, $8.25 ea.; "Eternal" soup plates, gold band, $5.75 ea. Lenox China.

Glassware, "Biarritz" crystal water and wine goblets, $8 ea. "Buckingham" wine goblets, green, $25 ea.; crystal ashtrays, $8.50 ea. Baccarat, 55 E. 57th St., New York, 10022
Crystal candelabras and candlesticks from Nesle, Inc., 151 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022, and David Weiss, Importers.*
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Bird-shaped salt and pepper shakers, gold, $38.50 pr.; silver, $35 pr. Soupçon.
Linen napkins, 18" sq., 90c. Matouk.
Table, polished stainless steel frame, glass top, 26" x 72" x 29". John Vesey.*
Sideboard and Naugahyde upholstered chairs. Doris Dessauer.*
Curtains, "Parisienne" woven of Fiberglas Beta yarn, will not shrink or stretch, firesafe, crease-resistant, hand-washable, no ironing, 48" x 90" l., $10.98 pr. Cortley Mfg. Corp.
Bottom:
Tablecloth, 69" x 88", $15; napkins, $1 ea. John Matouk.
Clam shell (centerpiece), $17.50 pr. Bearpaw clam shells (soup dishes), $4.50 pr. Pearl oyster shells, $2 ea. Seashells Unlimited, Inc., 590 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10016
Everything else same as above.

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Cup and saucer, "Eternal," gold-banded, $8. Lenox.
Butter-pat dish, cut crystal, $6.50. Baccarat.
Vegetable dish, gold-banded, $15. Lenox.
Tulip champagne glass, crystal, $6.50; cocktail glass, $4.25; double Old-Fashioned glass, $6.50. Baccarat.
Dessert spoon and fork, Italian, porcelain handles, set of 2, $4. Stuart Becker, 1036 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Place mats, "Sunburst" transparent plastic in blue or green, and crystal, 12½" x 19", $5. "Candlelight" foam rubber backed vinyl mat, 11½" x 17½", $1. Both by H. J. Stotter.

Monogramming Rx

Page 150, *top:*
Woman's stationery, pale gray and orange, 100 sheets and envelopes, $14.50; die, $35; stamping, $9.50 per 100. Man's stationery, 100 sheets and envelopes, $7.80; die, $25; stamping, $9.50 per 100. Saks Fifth Avenue, 50th & Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Center:
Man's stationery, blue, plain edge, 100 sheets and envelopes, $10; ARM die cutting, $20; monogram stamping, raised, without ink, $3.25 per 100; address die, first 10 letters $4, each additional letter, 20c; address stamping, maroon ink, $4.95 per 100. Woman's stationery, blue, dubonnet border, 100 sheets and envelopes, $11.40; die, $14; stamping die, red ink, $4.95 per 100; address die, first 10 letters, $4; each additional letter, 20c; stamping address, $4.95 per 100. Dempsey & Carroll, Inc., 556 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom:
Man's and woman's stationery, "Calais Ripple," 60 sheets, 48 envelopes, $2.29; woman's die, $15; man's die, $20; stamping die, $4.50 per 50. Brentano's, 586 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

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Woman's stationery, 50 sheets and envelopes, $10; "margaret wincor" die, $20; stamping die, $5.50 per 50. Man's stationery, 50 sheets and envelopes, $13; "ekw" die, $12; stamping die, $6.50 per 100. Bergdorf Goodman, 754 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10019
White card, gray border, 50 cards and envelopes, $7.75; address die, first 10 letters, $4; each additional letter, 20c; address stamping, $4.95 per 100. Dempsey & Carroll.

Bright-on-a-budget

Pages 164 & 165:
Sofa, 87" l., upholstered in "chamsuede," $290; lounge chair, 32" w., $90. Broyhill Furniture.
"Plan-A-Room" shelf units, 12" x 36" x 72" h., comes ready to assemble, $19.98 ea. Hamilton Cosco, Inc.
Desk, unpainted Louis XV, Italian import, $199.95; lamp table, 26" diam., unpainted, $89.95; beechwood chairs, rush seats, unpainted, $39.95 ea. Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
All unpainted furniture antiqued with "Provincial Color Glaze Kits," includes paint, glaze, brush and instructions, soft tints, $4.95; deep tones, $5.95. Martin-Senour Paints.
Dining table base, white painted wrought iron only, $75.50 (top custom-made); desk chair, wrought iron, 40" h., $50. Gallo Originals.
Nesting benches, walnut finish, hand-woven rush seats, set of three, $55. Piazza Originals.*
Folding screens, unpainted, 7' h., 8 panels, $118.65. Joanna Western Mills.
Window shades, "Calcutta" textured jute yarn, vinyl impregnated. Illinois Shade Co.
Flooring, oak hardwood parquet. E. L. Bruce Co.
Paintings privately owned.
Rugs (cut into two pieces 6' x 9', 6' x 6', from one 9' x 12' rug) and accessories from F. W. Woolworth Co.

Doll House Kitchen

Pages 200 & 201:
Terra ware casserole and mixing bowl by Corning.
Oven broiler and toaster by Dominion.
The above and all other accessories from F. W. Woolworth Co.
Spice chart, books privately owned.

How to Make Rya Rugs

Page 171:
Rya rug kits, include background mat, with hemmed ends, yarn and instructions, 24" x 36", $39.50; 31" x 47", $62.50. Background mat 24" w. (for making larger rugs) $12 per running ft., including all materials. Background mat only; 24" w. $12.50 yd. Extra needles, 10c ea. All sizes approx. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Glasco House, 55 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock, N. Y., 12498

Wine

Page 184, *top:*
Wooden wine rack, holds 10 bottles, 16½" w., 18¼" h., 9" d., $13. Copco, Inc.
Eject-A-Cork, black plastic and polished aluminum, $5.95. Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom left:
Folding wine racks, black walnut, holds 22 bottles (shown closed), 15" h., 34" w., $20; holds 10 bottles, 15" h., 20" w., $10. Zigzag corkscrew, heavy chrome plate, stainless steel screw, $4. Hammacher Schlemmer.
Tôle wine coaster, $5. Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom right:
Honeycomb wine rack, galvanized, holds 14 bottles, 11" x 19", $12.95. Hammacher Schlemmer.
Waiter's corkscrew, brass, chrome plated, $1.25. Bazar Français, 666 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10010
Ceramic wine coaster, $3. Bloomingdale's.

Page 185:
Brass and leather wine rack, holds 8 bottles, 17" w., 10" h., 8" d. $35. Flairtime by Silvestri.*

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The doll house kitchen

Storage on display stretches the available space

The tiny 5½-by-7-foot kitchen adjoining the living room on page 164 posed a chain of problems: how to find a place for everything despite severely limited storage space; how to keep the most-often-used utensils close at hand; how to make the crowded little cubicle look personal and pretty. H&G solved all three by one type of maneuver: creating decorative compositions with the utensils themselves.

As in the living room, we started with a color plan. Since the walls and all the appliances were white and the countertop was a strong yellow, we chose a cool yellow-green, H&G's Green Gage, to soften the contrast, and added small sharp accents of bright red to give it zing. But instead of adding the green on a permanent basis, we introduced it on a series of bulletin boards, from the five-and-ten, which can be removed and repainted.

Three were mounted on strips of walnut applied to the only free wall space in the room, the strip between sink and refrigerator. On these we composed a decorative "mural" of standard utensils. Two more boards over the sink provided hanging space for constantly used small tools and everyday saucepans—and gave us a chance to inject the bright notes of red.

Another opportunity for turning necessary supplies and equipment to decorative use was created by building open shelves between the broom closet and the wall. Here we made the most of the gleam of plug-in appliances, of the apothecary-shop look of glass-stoppered bottles for spices and glass-topped jars for dry staples, and of the colorful bindings of cook books.

Not only the bulletin boards and the glass containers, but the kitchen's entire complement of cooking ware including two plug-in appliances came from Woolworth's on a $150 budget.



To compose the "mural" we used a 7-piece set of standard tools with black handles, interspersed them with steel utensils of interesting shape and terminated the arrangement with a Teflon-lined skillet. Framed spice chart next to mural repeats yellows and greens of color scheme.

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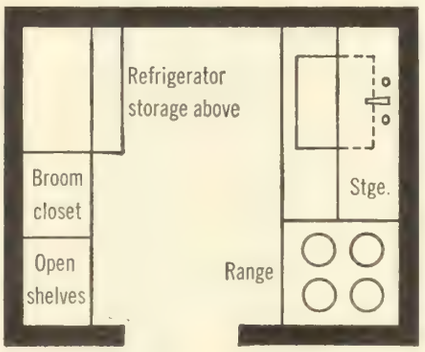
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Kitchen is the apartment-house minimum, planned apparently by someone who didn't know it takes as much space to cook for two as it does for five or six.

Adding the open shelves freed precious space in drawer and cupboards for less decorative supplies and equipment and for china and glass that should be protected from dust. Spices and seasonings, usually needed in a hurry, are easier to find when stored in the open, and plug-ins, especially larger ones like an oven-broiler and automatic toaster, are easier to bring out from open shelves. Enough space was left below the bottom shelf for a good-looking covered trash can, which frees the under-sink cupboard for cleaning supplies.

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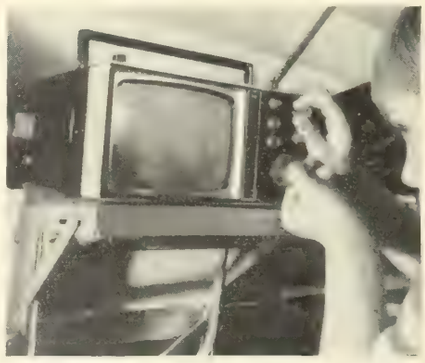
All the solaces of home—on the road

Travel by motor has come a long way since the day the family climbed aboard in a welter of goggles and dusters, lap robes and jugs of hot water to ward off chilblains. Today we are as warm or cool as we need be. We regale ourselves with television, talk on the telephone and keep track of wildflower-picking children with a walkie-talkie. Rather than goggles, we wear shooting glasses—the kind that filter light and dispel haze. At toll stations, instead of frantically pawing about for that elusive quarter, we reach for a magnetized coin-holder on the dashboard. A tiny upholstery vacuum has replaced the old whisk broom, and time is told—and back-seat nappers awakened—by a swiveling alarm clock with a magnetic base. Only the picnic hamper has survived, and even it has become more of a utensil locker than a larder. Food now goes on the road in a little electric refrigerator that plugs into the car's cigarette lighter and, on a summer's day, chills enough provender—both solid and liquid types—to keep a small family nicely nourished throughout a day-long journey.



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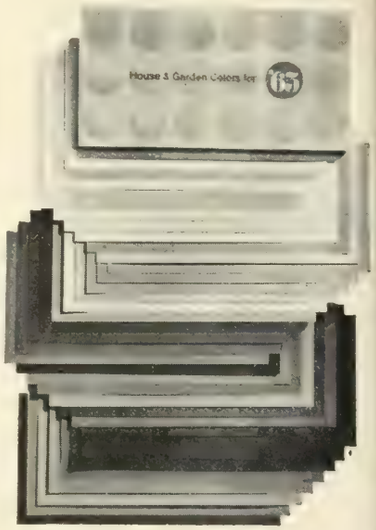




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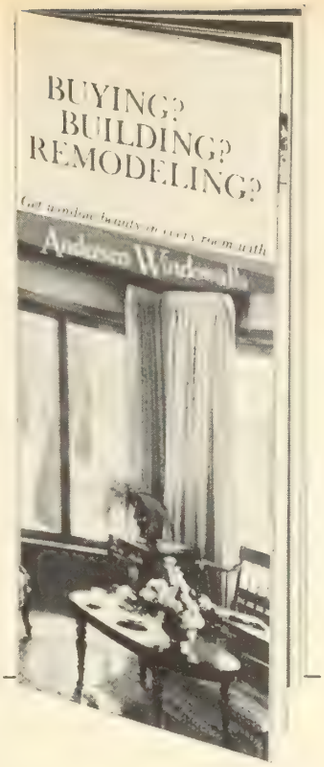


Hand vacuum cleaner for upholstery is almost as light as the proverbial feather, whisks up sand, crumbs and dog hair in no time. Called an AutoVac, the cleaner is made of brown plastic, has a removable lint bag and, like all these electric traveling chums, plugs into the car's cigarette lighter. Abercrombie & Fitch, $14.95.



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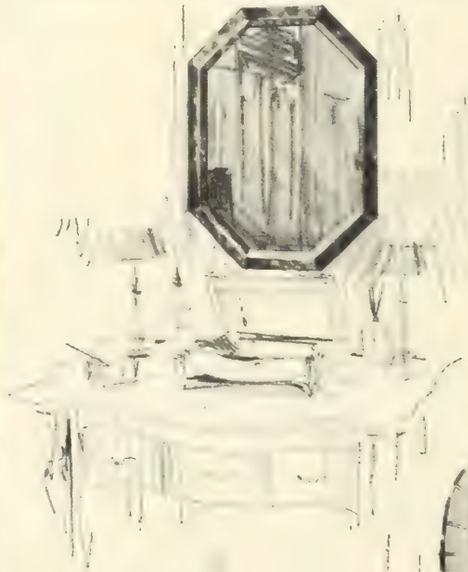
Connoisseur's Corner

Marvelous mirrors

Rare may be the mirror that transports you into Looking-Glass Land, but all beautiful mirrors catch the shimmer of light, enhancing a room with depth of perspective and a rich frame



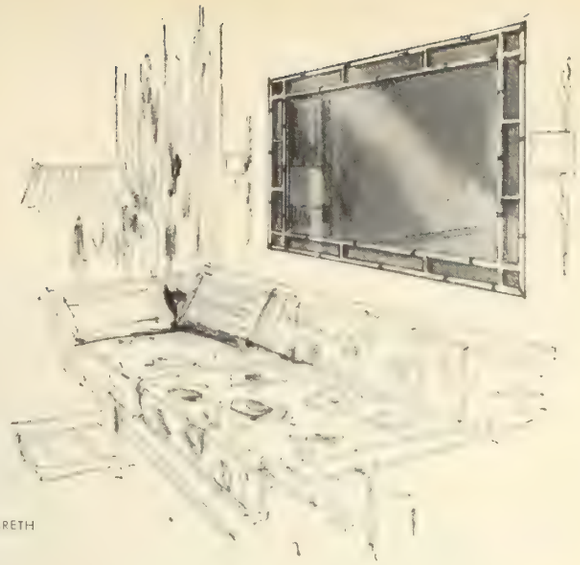
Sunburst mirror with a Spanish-style frame that looks like wrought iron and a convex mirror surface makes a dramatic accent against a plain wall—perhaps in a foyer. It would also look well in a grouping of paintings. 20 inches diameter. $25. Syracuse Ornamental Co., Inc.



Octagonal mirror with a tortoise-shell-finished frame looks elegant over a chest of drawers in a bedroom. Or, since it has a rich yet restrained air, it is a masculine enough accent to hang in a man's study. 37 inches tall, 27 inches wide. $99. From Marshall Field.



Tall, fan-topped mirror with a leaded frame is an excellent choice for a small entrance hall since it adds height and dimension without taking up a great width of wall space. Mirror surface is slightly rippled like old glass. 28 by 58 inches tall. Doris Dessauer.*

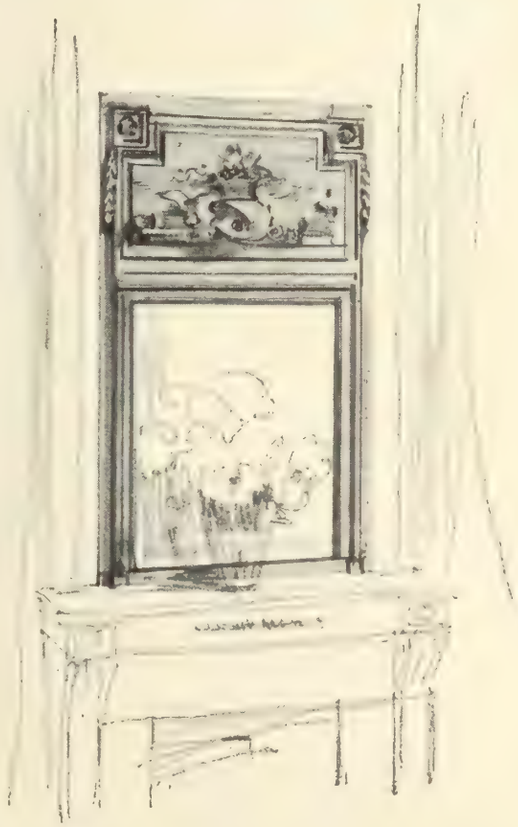


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Round, modern mirror with unfussy good looks is a particularly fine choice for a young boy or girl's room. Frame is composed of teak sections, each piece mitered so the grain runs in different ways all around. 19 inches diameter. $39.95. Tyler & Hippich Glass Co



Elegant mirror—a Louis XVI reproduction—crowned with a carved bas-relief of birds and leaves adds an important accent over a mantelpiece. Pickled pine frame rubbed with a little white has a lovely antique look. 70 inches tall, 41 inches wide. Yale R. Burge, Inc.*

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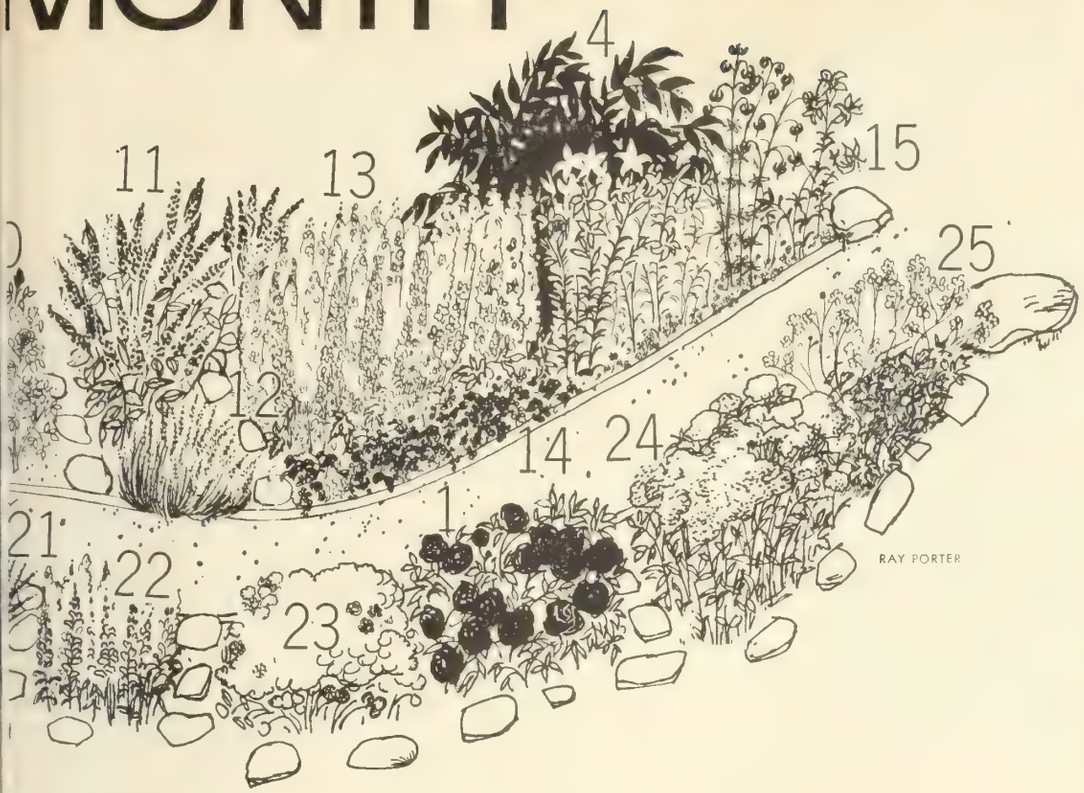
by James Fanning

A cutting garden should be a thing of beauty in itself. And since every plant big enough to be seen by the naked eye is potential cutting material, a garden for cutting has limitless possibilities for the use of plants. Ferns and leafy branches, of course, are not exactly flowers, but no indoor bouquet is complete without its bit of greenery, so these practical adjuncts must be included in the plantings.

In no aspect of gardening is high quality more necessary than in flowers grown for cutting. Ideally, every cut flower should be a specimen perfect in its kind, cut at the ideal time, handled with tender care and displayed to fullest advantage. The gardener's skill is important in respect to time, too. Since the cutting garden should be productive throughout the growing season, it mus look its best not only for a few days, but for month on end.

Apart from the ground in which the plant will grow, the most important piece of equipmen for the cut-flower gardener is a place—greenhouse cold-frame or sunny window sill—where plant may be started from seed early in the year. Fo some things, like snapdragons, this is essentia since they require a long growing season to reac their flowering peak. Others, like the annual dah ias, will perform satisfactorily if the seed is plante where the plants are to grow, but a much longe flowering season is assured by getting the plant off to a good start before the weather is war enough to warrant outdoor planting. Of course

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tarted plants are always available commercially nd are as good as or better than any you could tart yourself, but the selection is necessarily lim- ed and it often turns out that the one plant you eally must have is the one that is not available.

In the ideal cutting garden no space is wasted —in fact, some areas do double duty, with tulips r daffodils for spring bloom, then summer an- uals planted right on top. If you plan to dig up the ulbs as they ripen off, you can replace them with ladiolus or montbretia or annual plants that have een growing somewhere else. Since this opera- on is performed in mid-to-late June, there is still lenty of time for the second planting to mature good crop of flowers.

Our idealized garden—combining not only nnuals and perennials, but shrubs as well—edges path that follows the contour of a gentle slope. o simplify the tasks of cropping and mainte- ance, each of the planting areas is outlined by epping stones. Theoretically, no spot within the arden is farther than an arm's reach from either stone or the central path. Keeping the garden ivided into small plots (biggest on the plan is out 4 by 6 feet) makes for easy shifting of ants when they have to be divided, easy digging specialized soil pockets for specialized plant eds. The lily plot, for instance, can be excavated a depth of 18 inches or more and refilled with ie sandy-peaty soil mixture that lilies need, while ljoining areas are left undisturbed.

Stones and path edging (we recommend andard steel driveway edging) also serve to hold the soil in place. The planting beds are, of course, mulched (with whatever comes to hand), and the path is surfaced with a thin layer of washed gravel (rounded pebbles from ½ to 1½ inches in diameter).

The plants themselves have been chosen to provide cutting material twelve months of the year. This, naturally, includes shrubs—some of them evergreen—for the bleak time when nothing can be expected to flower. To start with them:

Leucothoe catesbaei (**4,** on drawing), which seems to have no common name, is a regular inhabitant of shrub borders and worth cultivating simply for the sake of having a constant supply of the graceful stems for cutting. Added attraction: The leathery leaves turn a beautiful shade of wine red in winter. All it needs is a humus-rich soil and good drainage.

Salix caprea (**6**), the goat willow or pussy willow, is dirt common and dirt cheap, but no cutting garden can do without it. Although it needs a lot of moisture, it will turn in an acceptable performance on dry ground.

Buddleia davidii (**11**). The many varieties and several species of the butterfly bush are all excellent for cutting, adding the bonus of scent to graceful, bright-colored flower panicles. In a warm, well-drained, sunny spot, buddleia will increase in size year after year, even though severely cut back by freezing every winter.

Symphoricarpos albus (a useful alternate), the snowberry, is charming at all times, with dainty twigs and tiny (*Continued on next page*)

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pink flowers followed by the big white berries that give it its name. The berry-laden stems are excellent for cutting right up to the time the berries freeze and turn brown. Not particular about soil, exposure or moisture, it is unfailing.

Rose (**10**). Universally acknowledged as queen of cut flowers, the garden rose has had volumes written about it, so we won't waste space by going into details here. No cutting garden can exist without its complement of hybrid teas and floribundas, but don't overlook the shrubby species like *rugosa* that are not only of ironclad hardiness, but beautiful in bloom. Even its bright red fruits are as fine for cutting as anything you'll find in early winter.

Next after the shrubs, the hardy perennials are the most nearly permanent inhabitants of our cutting garden. Beginning in earliest spring, they produce flowers that not only increase in number from year to year, but always look the same—something you can't necessarily count on seed-grown annuals to do.

Anemone japonica (**25**), the Japanese anemone, is the embodiment of grace when the long-stemmed pink or white flowers appear in early autumn. In rich soil, with a half day or more of sunshine every day, a plant will increase in size slowly but surely, year after year.

Campanula persicifolia (**20**), or peach bells, is probably the best subject for cutting in the whole gorgeous campanula tribe. The tall, wiry stems shoot up in June, loaded with hanging bells of white, blue or pink. In good soil, with ample moisture and a fair amount of sun, the cluster of basal leaves (like peach leaves—hence the name) will spread year after year.

Chrysanthemum (**19**). Like the rose, the garden chrysanthemum has been the subject of many a volume of instructive prose. To this we add only that in choosing varieties let your household color schemes be your guide.

Delphinium (**13**). It is easy to think of delphiniums as being too big for use as cut flowers in the average room. This may be true of the "improved" varieties, of which every garden should have a few for outdoor display, but don't forget the "old-fashioned" belladonna and bellamosa varieties: They're dainty enough to use anywhere, and their colors put the giants to shame. Good drainage, both of water and air, is the secret of success with these.

Dianthus (**2**). Whether you call them pinks or carnations, the dozens of species and varieties of dianthus are all easy to grow and all incomparably fine as cut flowers. They like a sunny location, with well-drained, fertile soil. Being compact plants, the dianthus serve admirably as edging for beds of our taller-growing annuals or perennials.

Eupatorium coelestinum (**24**). Sometimes called hardy ageratum, eupatorium is tall enough to make an excellent cut flower. A late-summer bloomer with big, foamy blue flower clusters, it thrives in half to full sun, any soil, and may be relied upon to spread.

Gypsophila paniculata (**18**). The most delicate looking of all cut flowers, baby's-breath is actually hardy as an oak and in bloom all summer long. The old-time single white is probably more satisfactory than the newer pinks or double varieties; all need good drainage and full sun to perform at their best.

Heuchera (**5**). Coral bells count among their many virtues a dense tuft of handsome leaves that will make an elegant edging from early spring to late autumn. The flowers—red, pink or white—are tiny bells carried profusely on tall, wiry stems in early summer. Clumps tend to die out in the center after a few years, so should be divided regularly. Otherwise, half to full sun and no drought are its only demands.

Lavandula vera (**12**). Everybody knows lavender, of course, and everybody loves it, so, whether you're going to cut the flower spikes or leafy stems, or just let them stand as a show plant, no self-respecting garden can be without it. Its use in sachets, potpourri and the like is too well known to require comment here; all we need say is that to grow it well (and have it winter over more than a year or two) you need soil that is definitely on the dry side, well sheltered from winter winds and exposed to all the sunshine there is to be had.

Peony (**1**). Like roses and chrysanthemums, peonies have had books written about them. They take up a good deal of space and the flowering season is short, so plan to use them where the foliage can be effective for the whole of its durable life. This same foliage, incidentally, is fine for cutting, but don't take too much from any one plant or the next year's bloom will suffer.

Veronica (**21**). The several tall-growing species of veronica, as well as the numerous varieties, all make excellent cut flowers and give a long-term display of bloom in the garden. The long, slim spikes may be had in several shades of blue as well as white. In a rich, nondrying soil in full sun, veronica will make a dense,

long-lived clump that gets bigger year by year.

The vast tribe of bulbs includes so many good cutting subjects that we are unquestionably being ruthless and arbitrary in confining our list to three. Don't let that stop you, though—*all* the bulbs are good for cutting, so add them freely to your cutting garden.

Daffodil. No more need be said about daffodils than that they are cut flowers par excellence, and that they like a deep, rich soil with plenty of moisture during the growing season, need to be divided every second or third year, *and* may be overplanted with annuals during the summer.

Lily (**15**). Again, volumes have been written about lilies (see H&G, October, 1964), so we won't go into cultural and varietal details, but their cutting-garden value is high, if only for the fact that they look their best in smallish clusters among other plants. In cutting, the rule is to take as little stem as the flower arranger can be persuaded to accept, unless, of course, you're prepared to replace bulbs as they peter out from lack of nourishment.

Tulip. Although the late-blooming, long-stemmed kinds (Darwin, Cottage, Rembrandt and Parrot) are best for cutting, don't neglect the species, either. These are mostly slender and delicate of color and texture, but they will thrive for years on end in the driest, most sun-baked part of the garden. In tulips the choice of varieties is almost endless, so let your color scheme be your guide.

As might be expected, the real backbone of our cutting garden is an assortment of annuals. Since their whole lifetime is passed in a few months, annual plants can hardly do otherwise than be prodigal with bloom, and this is why we give them such emphasis. Seedsmen come up with lists of "new and improved" varieties every year, and the wise gardener will choose whatever appeals to him from among these, but he will also cover his bets by including a good proportion of old stand-bys.

Basil 'Dark Opal' (**8**). Of recent introduction, but already well established in popularity, this basil may not be quite as flavorful as the green-leaved variety, but its bronzy purple leaves make it a flower-arranger's delight. If plants are started indoors and planted out in sunny, well-drained soil, they will grow into shrubby 12- to 18-inch plants by midsummer.

Centaurea cyanus (**9**). The ever-popular bachelor's-button or cornflower is one annual that seems to have escaped being improved. The colors—blue, white, pink and occasionally maroon—are what they have always been, and, although not the longest-lived of cut flowers, blooming is constant enough to provide a steady supply.

Dahlia, annual strains (**16**). The large-flowered, named-variety dahlias have been left out of our cutting garden because they take more space and care than our all-purpose plantings can comfortably bear. Instead we choose the seed-grown annual strains: Flowers are produced in incredible numbers on low, compact plants; colors are spectacular and you don't have to worry about saving the tubers (although you can if you like).

Dianthus (**3**). The perennial dianthus has already been included in our list, but the annual strains are no less worthy of attention. The double type, known as annual carnation, has the form and many of the colors of the florist's carnation, but in a somewhat reduced size. The singles, in the form usually referred to when we speak of pinks, are mostly red, in a great variety of shades and tones. Both types need full sun and a rich, well-drained but not arid soil, and may be seeded where they will bloom.

Didiscus (**7**). The beautiful blue lace flower is too often overlooked in most garden planning. As easy to grow as a bunch of carrots (closely related), the long-stemmed, long-lasting flowers look like blue Queen Anne's lace. It likes full sun, but is otherwise undemanding.

Salpiglossis (**17**). The petunia relative has the advantage over petunias of stiff, upright stems and colors in the rich purple-brown-maroon shades we associate with Victorian interiors. Grown in the same way as petunias, but allowing for a height of 2 feet or more, the blooming season is long and full.

Snapdragon (**22**). Old stand-by though it may be, snapdragon is still susceptible to improvement, and some of the new strains are indeed improvements: Instead of the flower spikes being thick, chunky and heavy looking, they are slender to the point of gracefulness. The familiar colors have been kept. To bloom early enough for the cutting garden, snapdragons have to be started indoors; otherwise all they need is a rich, moist soil and sunshine for at least half of the day.

Sweet pea (**14**). The much-loved sweet pea is too often bypassed by gardeners because of its untidy climbing habit. However, this is no longer a legitimate ob-

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First weekend

Honeysuckles. The genus lonicera has one of the few pleasantly descriptive common names that don't need an adjective to make them understandable. You just know—whether or not you are well versed in the vocabulary of the cavalier poets—that nothing could be sweeter than honeysuckle. And indeed, that is one of the drawbacks to many of the species—sweetness that is cloying to the point of suffocating many other delicate garden fragrances. But there is no gainsaying the importance of this group of shrubs, most of which are deciduous, almost all of which are hardy to even north temperate winters, and all of which have abundant flowers and/or fruits for several weeks at a time. On counts not related to fragrance, most of the honeysuckles are relatively undistinguished plants. Many are unkempt and unsuited to neat home landscapes. But at least a few deserve to be grown, singly or at the most in pairs, wherever a respectable shrub border can be accommodated.

If you were to choose but one kind, and could make room for a bush ultimately 10 feet or so wide, you would pick *Lonicera korolkowii*. Its myriads of small sweet florets, rosy to whitish, cover the plants in late May. They are followed in late summer by bright orange-red berries. But the chief virtue of this species is the blue gray foliage that distinguishes it all through the growing year. The plant is hardy far north along both coasts and in the middle states through the Ozarks.

If you want a really tough species, one that will survive in the plains, try *L. maackii*, which is considerably bigger and coarser (as much as 15 by 15 feet) and lacks unusual foliage. But the creamy May flowers are sweeter than the korolkowii's, and the berries are darker and later (until November—with the durable leaves). The best of the more restrained species may well be *L. tatarica*, available in many forms with flowers varying from red to pink to creamy white to yellow, and all blooming in late May. The red summer berries are pretty, but not brilliant, the foliage pleasant, but unremarkable. It is a very hardy, dependable bush, second only to our first choice in regions where they both will grow.

Earliest to bloom in April woodlands, *L. fagrantissima* stands alone. The white flowers are sweetly scented indeed, and the red berries are ripe in June. The foliage is no great shakes, but at least it is almost evergreen. (For a final parenthetical note, add that *L. japonica halliana*—the notorious Hall's honeysuckle—is the best possible ground-holder for impossible slopes. Fear, but do not scorn, its persistence.)



Second weekend

Dogwood bloom. "Why don't my dogwoods bloom?" This question is probably asked more often of garden departments than any other except, "Why are my pine needles turning brown in the middle of August?" (Answer: Because they are last year's dead ones. This year's new needles will last until *next* August.) The dogwoods referred to are invariably the native *Cornus florida* or white flowering dogwood, and the answer usually is that they may bloom less than usual any given spring for any of the following reasons, among others: 1. The squirrels and birds may have eaten the flower buds if other food sources were frozen or snowed in. 2. The tree may have been weakened by pest, disease or drought two years ago, have bloomed abundantly last year in self-defense (so to speak) and be resting this year by contrast or from a sort of arboreal exhaustion. 3. Last season may have been so rainy that the tree formed a greater-than-normal proportion of foliage at the expense of bud-forming strength. 4. You may have overfertilized it in early spring (or very late autumn) last year, forcing a like imbalance of foliage and flower buds. 5. There may have been a couple of years ago a mechanical or physical injury (lawnmower de-barking the base, or storm damage, for example) so severe that the tree tended, as dogwoods seem conspicuously to do, to form an excessive number of flower buds in an effort to set extra seed the following year, and thus, with possible death staring it in the face, perpetuate itself. (If this be anthropomorphism, make the most of it.) Then, of course, the year after that the pendulum would tend to swing back. 6. A big overhanging tree may have become bigger, causing excessive shade.

About items 1 and 3 you cannot do much. About item 2, you can attack the pest or disease if still a threat (control measures are not a part of this story). About item 5, you may or may not be able to do anything; a good tree man's advice might help. About item 6—you may just have to choose between them. About item 4, you can stop fertilizing to excess or late in the season, while at the same time maintaining a regular fertilizing procedure (with an ordinary commercial plant food, either in very late autumn or late winter—no sooner or later, respectively) so that balanced development of both foliage and flower buds will be annually encouraged, vagaries of nature otherwise notwithstanding.



Third weekend

Nutrients generally. Dogwoods aside, an annual spring fertilizing program is unquestionably worth while in every garden. For all deciduous trees and shrubs, do your feeding early, so that summer foliage will not be encouraged at the expense of flowering strength. With evergreens, apply plant food in modest doses when first new growth has begun to mature—which usually means about mid-May. For most perennial borders, May or even June is the best feeding period. Annuals, of course, seldom need to be specially fertilized at all—although "starter solutions" of liquid plant food may be applied to the young seedlings or transplants when they are moved to their summer positions.

As for the fertilizing materials themselves, cottonseed meal is as good a seasonal booster as most broadleaf evergreens ever need—assuming the earth they were planted in was decently supplied with phosphoric and potassium compounds in the beginning. Bone meal is a slow, expensive and meager source of nitrogen that, except when mixed with the soil in depth, wastes most of its principal food element—phosphoric acid. Superphosphate, when mixed in the soil at root level, is necessary and useful; on the surface it is largely wasted. But at least it is relatively inexpensive. So-called complete fertilizers (those in formulations tagged 5–10–5 or 6–8–6 or, for turf especially, 8–6–6) are suitable for general seasonal use and need only to be watered into the ground to start working in any soil which has a root-level temperature of 50 degrees or more.

Fertilizers with delayed nitrogen release will never burn turf or foliage (in proper doses) and need not be watered or raked in. But they cost more than the simple farmer's type. Dried shredded cattle manure, available in 50-pound bags and quite odorless when dry or mixed into the soil surface, is a fine textural supplement, especially for sandy or clay soils, and it fosters the development of the microorganisms that make fertilizers more useful. A quart of the stuff in every perennial-bed planting hole, a bigger dollop in shrub holes and the like, will make a much more receptive environment for almost any plant. Compost, of course, is a good soil ameliorizer at any time.



Fourth weekend

Broadleaf pruning. You would have no hesitation in shearing a yew hedge, but we'd wager you might think twice before you would prune a rhododendron, mountain-laurel, camellia or holly. And without reason. Because the four just mentioned, among others of the non-needle-bearing species (the pines and hemlocks, too, for that matter), may be pruned almost to a stand-still if you do the job right and at the right time. The right time—to generalize—is when the new shoots that formed in spring have begun to "firm up." Then—again to generalize—you can pinch off about half of the new growth (which should be brittle enough to snap readily between your fingers), or you can remove

all of the new growth, cleanly, back to the point of its origin. The latter procedure will tend to cause the remaining divergent branches to develop new shoots of their own in time to ripen safely before winter overtakes them.

Now, to generalize a third time, you can usually cut back not only the spring's new shoots, but last season's shoots as well, without damaging the plant. This represents quite drastic pruning, of course, and should not be practiced on branches that are less than 4 years old nor where the remaining side branches will be so shaded by neighboring growth that new shoots cannot develop. Such clumpy plants as leucothoe should be thinned at the base—not pruned—for acceptable esthetic effect. Mountain-laurel can be either thinned or pruned or both—but if pruned, then only to the extent of the current year's shoots.

Book notes: There are more books that claim greatness than achieve it, so it's a pleasure to find a good one that makes no exaggerated claims. Even the faintly pompous title, "How to Grow Almost Everything" (Evans-Lippincott, $3.95). The author, Stanley Schuler, has written with admirable brevity and clarity about the specific cultural essentials of a great many plants (although by no means all), and then in simple chapters on gardening techniques has suggested the measures required to grow, in fact, almost everything, whether on his list or not. Greatest value: simplicity and directness. Greatest deficiency: lack of precision in delimiting growth regions.

We seldom recommend the dismemberment of good books, but three small, discriminating collections of color prints just in this country under the Ariel Press imprint (Van Nostrand, $3.95 each) simply cry for cutting out and framing. Two are reproduced from 24 each of Redouté's famous groups of "Roses" and of "Fruits and Flowers." The third is a like number of John Gould's "Tropical Birds." The color work is not of great excellence, print by print, but it is well suited to decorative groups of prints. And there is no law to prevent their retention in book form. The brief texts are pertinent and helpful.

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jection, since the dwarf or "Bijou" types are as compact as petunias and just about as long-blooming. Plant the seeds as early in the spring as you can poke them 2 or 3 inches deep into the soil, in a moist location with about a half-day's sunshine.

Verbena (**23**). Almost too effective in the garden to permit any thought of cutting, verbenas nonetheless are among the very best subjects for flower arrangements indoors. The blue, pink, white or red flower clusters on wiry stems are produced freely enough so that the outdoor display need not be ruined in the process of cutting. They thrive in sun and a moderately rich, moist soil.

Gladiolus (alternate). Tall surely, but not particularly effective for garden display, gladiolus should be grown among the annuals. Deep planting—6 to 8 inches—helps to make the flower stalks self-supporting. In well-drained soil the bulbs will usually winter over satisfactorily, but it is best to play safe and dig them each autumn. For cutting, the so-called miniatures (not so very small, really) are probably best, and may be had in almost any color.

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in the small tourist pavilion—really a café—at the hillside spot known as Kanoni (a cannon pointing seaward gives the place its name). I was watching a group of island girls performing, with solemn grace, some of their traditional dances for the benefit of a group of tourists from a visiting cruise ship. The girls wore festive costumes, red velvet jackets richly embroidered with gold, varicolored silk aprons over long skirts and high lace headdresses (these decorated, alas, with plastic flowers). The musicians were dressed in the baggy trousers and pompon shoes of the usual Greek costume, but with a touch of Venice again in their brightly banded straw boaters. They played perhaps half-a-dozen Greek dances and then suddenly took up the jigging strains of a German folk tune. It was somewhat adapted and the dancing that went with it was not German at all, but the tune was recognizable. I discovered that it had been introduced to the islanders by the indefatigable Kaiser Wilhelm and was now being played to please the German tourists among us. Somehow it seemed an oddity perfectly in keeping with the adaptable spirit of Corfu.

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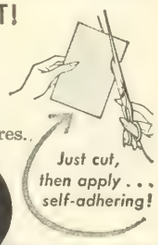
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May 5 Today I watered the potato.

May 6 Today I watered it.

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May 11 Today the plant still seems to be growing much bigger every day, but there wasn't much difference in the height of the plant. I also watered it.

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May 13 Today it still doesn't seem to be growing much but it sure looks like a healthy plant and it looks like it's going to grow just fine. I also watered it.

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May 15 Today the plant still seems to be coming along very nicely and it looks like I'll get a lot of potatoes from it this fall. I also watered it.

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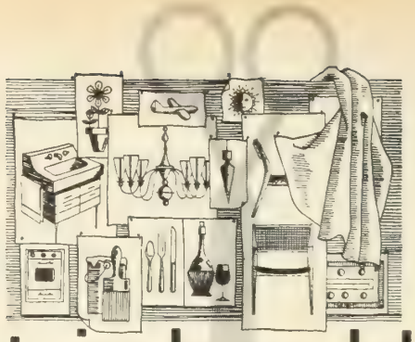


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2. UP-TO-DATE ANTIQUING of furniture is covered in a leaflet by the C. H. Tripp Finishing Co. that shows their nine authentic antique finishes available in kits.

3. LIKE EARLY AMERICAN? A 71-page booklet by Kling Colonial Furniture pictures a whole collection of Early American pieces for living room, dining area, bedroom. Includes facts on furniture construction, a graph and templates to use in planning a room. $1.00.

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15. GOOD QUICK MEALS can be prepared from recipes compiled by Heublein, Inc. for the woman who barely has time to remove her hat before she starts the oven. Includes menus, suggestions for canapé dips.

16. THE LUCKY HOSTESS has lovely vases, compotes, ashtrays and decanters in crystal to enhance her entertaining. A 20-page booklet by Tiffin Art Glass Corp. shows a wide range of crystal pieces. 25c.

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17. INVITATION TO CANADA is the title of a 48-page booklet by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. It pictures the tourist attractions offered by each city or area, includes map of national parks, tells about colorful events that make a Canadian vacation fascinating.

18. FRIENDLY AND NEARBY yet with a distinct foreign flavor—these traits account for Ontario's appeal to vacationers. A full-color booklet by the Ontario Dept. of Tourism shows the varied sights to see in this province of 250,000 lakes.

19. BERMUDA VACATION KIT includes booklets on how to get there, where to stay, rates, what to do—everything needed to plan a fun trip. Also has handy reference map.

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"Pop art is more than modern, it's supramodern. Léger, Picasso may be good painters, but they are old masters, even Jasper Johns is an old master compared to Rosenquist and Lichtenstein. European paintings are sweet, decorative, old-fashioned. They don't have the bite that my pop pieces have; they are not as tough, great or exciting. I am not interested in the past, I do not want to see old buildings or old art. The only interesting thing coming out of Europe are the new sounds from England: the Beatles, the 'Big Beat.'"

"Young people react to my pop art with more enthusiasm than anyone else," Mr. Kraushar said when asked how his friends react to his collection; "my sons' friends, for instance. They love it. Their minds have not been prejudiced yet by learning art history, they have no preconceptions about what art *should* be. I think that the future of art is to become increasingly popular. With all the new leisure time, more people are interested in art than at any other time in history. Art is no longer an interest for the wealthy dowager: it must become an art of the masses and for the masses and that's the great role of pop art."

Mr. Kraushar's consuming passion for pop art did not begin until the house was already built. Decorator David Barrett had to neutralize and mute many of his color schemes in midstream to harmonize with the bold "Big Beat" tonalities of the paintings. And although the Kraushars are thrilled with their new house, they admit that if they could have predicted their addiction to pop art, they would have planned for less glass and more hanging space. But an addiction like Leon Kraushar's—a supramodern phenomenon of the Nineteen Sixties—is not easily predictable.

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and stiff spots which cannot be removed. Thin Japanese tissue and pure starch paste are the only proper materials for this job.

• Accidents happen, alas, and too frequently to your favorite books. For muddy stains, wipe off quickly with water (damp sponge) and mild soap if the page is very dirty. Blot, insert wax paper and press with a warm iron.

• Books left out in the rain are usually beyond recall since the paper and binding swell. Light moisture may be remedied, although never completely cured, by smoothing pages, inserting blotters or wax paper and keeping under heavy pressure for several days.

• Ink stains are sometimes effectively handled with a sharp steel eraser or an ink scratcher (a library tool), but scratch and erase lightly or else! If the ink has penetrated deeply, try a commercial ink eradicator, following directions to the letter lest you end up with a hole where once there was a page.

• Bookmarks are dandy when they are paper thin, and the best bookmarks are paper. A pox on rubber bands snapped over the pages, paper clips which are forgotten and left to rust, pencils and pens tucked in the hinges, mail stuffed in to bulge the covers, in fact, anything that is not specially made for the purpose. Forget the bejeweled, thick felt gift-shop number, too.

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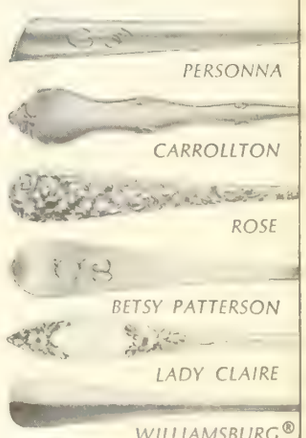
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On the cover: At the Wiard Ihnen's "Casa Ladera" in Beverly Hills, Calif., a favorite delight of summer is entertaining friends on Sunday at *las onces*, a Spanish version of English "elevenses." The party starts at 11:00 A.M. with Tequila Fizz on the long pillared porch (*galería* to the early Spanish settlers of the region) and moves on later to the dining table around the corner. The feast, prepared on the porch in the adobe barbecue (charcoal fire plus an electric spit), might include marinated breakfast steaks, chili omelette, fríjoles and stacks of tortillas, preceded by a first course of Mexican fruits and followed by *pan dulce* (sweet cakes) and *café con leche*. If part of the menu should call for more elaborate cooking, the big indoor kitchen is a few steps away. Dedicated Californians, the Ihnens are ardent students of the region's history, folklore, art, customs and cuisine as well as its contemporary outdoor life. In cooler weather, great iron braziers burn charcoal to warm the air. With these and with a deep roof overhang to keep out rain and glare, there is never a reason to give up the outdoors. Architect: Wiard Ihnen. For more about this porch, turn to page 147; for other delights of summer at home, turn to pages 104-115.

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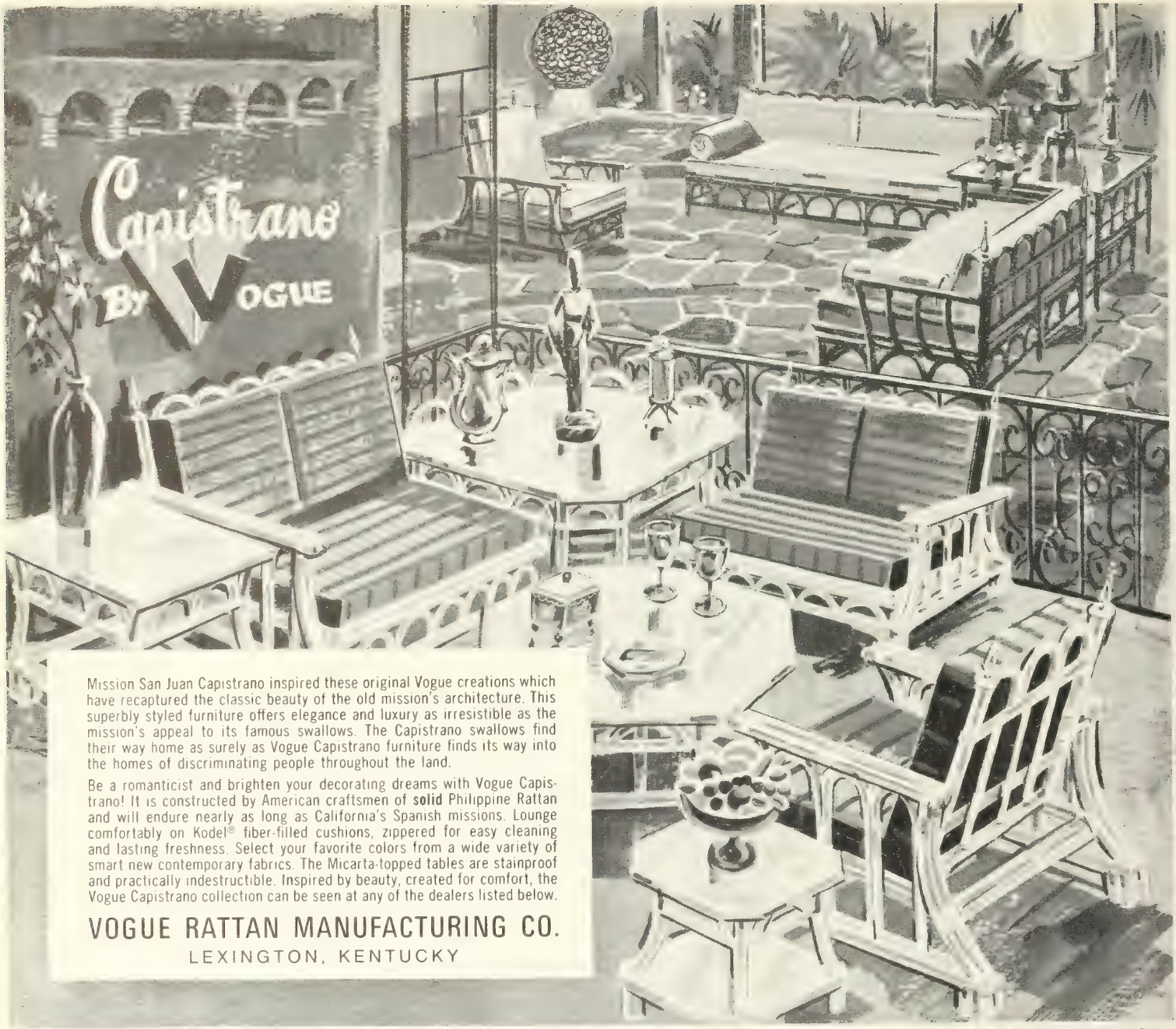
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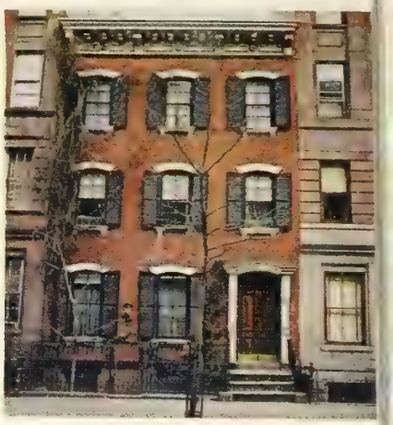


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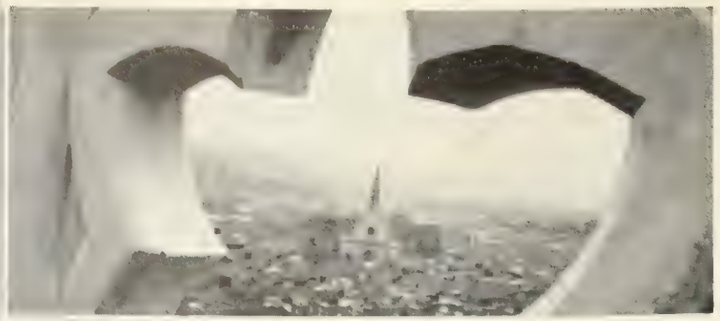


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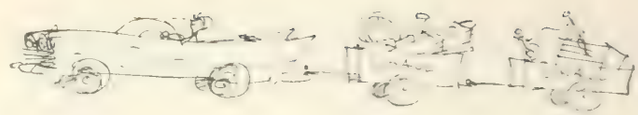
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And there's the rub. The only thing going out of style in the antique world today is the word "song." Anyone who has collected anything at all of any genre over a period of years has learned that, as the supply dwindles, the price tag soars. There is no deviation to this rule except fluke. What is fashionable at the moment, too, has a great deal to do with price. For people who like to collect current rages, Art Moderne and Victoriana are two of today's favorite quarries, and despite the fact that there was a time when these two darlings were difficult even to give away, they have become proud and expensive beauties. But in the opinion of Thomas H. Ormsbee, H&G's resident antiquarian, this is no cause for weeping. A true collector is never put off the scent, anyhow, and the thrill of the chase remains constant, if a little harder on the pocketbook.

All collectors, we are told, fall into three dollar-sign categories: those who don't care what they pay (and *need* not care); those with a moderate amount of money to feed their demon; and those with less. Each of these types operates in a different way, even though they may collect the same kind of thing, be it Sheraton furniture or cigar store Indians. Some people collect heterogeneously—a bit of this, a bit of that, the more variety, the better. The purists, however, stick to their guns, and build their collections of Chippendale or Louis XIII or Duncan Phyfe like strings of matched pearls. Another group, a very sensible one, collects with an eye to comfort and practicality. There is nothing in their houses that, jewel though it may be, isn't used or can't be sat on with equanimity.

If you are fortunate enough to fall in the afford-anything classification, you won't have any more fun than any other collector, but life will be simpler. If you do not live in a sizable city, you probably visit one from time to time, as well as take an occasional prowl around Europe. Just about anything you see, and fancy, can be yours with a riffle of Traveler's Checks. This can be very pleasant as long as you don't allow collecting to turn into amassing—an excess that dulls the palate. If you belong to category number two (the best one, as far as excitement is concerned), you have learned to bide your time, to be knowledgeable enough to hope to spot a fake when you see one, and have put yourself into the hands of a pet dealer—a reputable individual who does not fob off phonies.

Category number three has a harder time. Expensive shops—even those only moderately so—are out of the question. But auctions, particularly country ones, are a good bet providing that you can get there early, go through the display with a fine-tooth comb, then wait for the thing you want most to come on the block, and bid what you can. One such smarty recently got a lovely Flow Blue soup tureen for $35. In New York City, a comparable dish would command at least $200.

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Whatever your category, the countless books on the subject of antiques will prove invaluable guides. Mr. Ormsbee alone has written eleven—most of them devoted to the assessment and purchase of Americana. In his "Field Guide to Early American Furniture" he has devised a country-wide code system of average prices for typical pieces that will keep you from being bilked. You will

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City splurging

If you are marketing for really important furniture or bibelots, you probably will be shopping in New York City. Most of the top-drawer stuff is there, and if you live and buy in a city like San Francisco, you are more apt than not to pay a mark-up on something your dealer has bought in the East. New York's Fifty-seventh Street and its environs from Fifth Avenue almost to the East River is your beat. There, in some of the best shops in the world, you can buy a magnificent signed piece by Jacob, the great French ébéniste (if you can sign a check for a king's ransom); a marvelous and fearsome mauve and white Meissen tureen in the shape of a boar's head for $8,000, or a pair of Bow figurines, delicate and molten as cream, for $1,500. This is high life on the antique Rialto. You will not be cheated; you will simply be paying what perfection can command at the moment.

Still in New York, if you care not at all for French or Venetian or English furniture of museum quality (or consider it too extravagant an investment), you'll find a field more to your liking on Third, Second and parts of First Avenue in the East Fifties and Sixties, where shop after shop is crammed with prizes, semi-prizes and junk. Much of it is expensive—but you can bargain. Here, not long ago, was found a curious rush-seated chair made entirely of spool turnings—a fascinator, strong as an ox, and only $25. You can also buy spears, music boxes, carved ivory, carved jade, old toys, old sleighs, Victoriana, Art Moderne and Americana. In the last, look out for man-made wormholes. Tiffany glass is fairly plentiful, but far too costly. You will do better to inherit it. And if a dealer swears he is selling you a Belter chair or sofa, take an expert with you to check. Because of its rarity, Belter furniture is one of counterfeiting's favorite prototypes.

This same region is not at all out of bounds to collector number three, but unless you know the lay of the land, it may be somewhat bewildering. Country antique shops a bit off the beaten path will seem more rewarding—and can be. You will have difficulty finding a Louis XV chaise longue (which you probably don't want anyhow), but you may come upon a Pennsylvania Chalk deer or pug dog, a wonderful old cradle or a set of Bennington plates for 50c apiece. This has been done. For that matter, any antique shop anywhere in the country is worth exploring, however hangdog its streetside mien. You don't know what you may find under a tattered quilt.

Not tattered at all, the shops in the cities at the top of the Finger Lakes—places like Canandaigua, Geneva and Auburn—often yield up treasures from old dismantled houses furnished years ago with splendid things brought from Europe and floated up the lakes and canals on barges. New Orleans is a dazzling antiquing city, even though no one but a Philadelphia lawyer would ever wangle a bargain. Pickings in the Southwest and on the West Coast are good as long as you confine yourself to the wine of the country—old Spanish things that have been around so long that no one remembers what it cost to get them there, and Mexican antiquities that represent no great transportation fee. But Early American and European furniture of quality is neither plentiful nor inexpensive in those regions. West Coast dealers and decorators do most of this type of buying either in the East or in Europe, and the client pays for the trip. Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore have extremely good shops with an impressive array of wares featuring, whenever it is available, the work of the great American cabinetmakers. Because furniture of this caliber is

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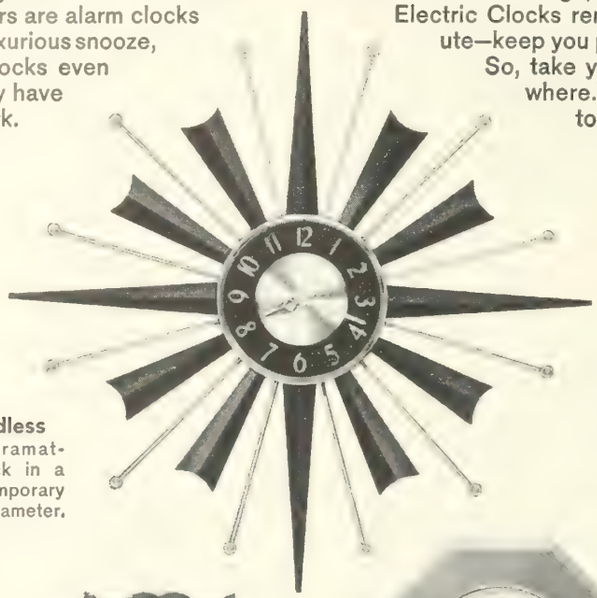
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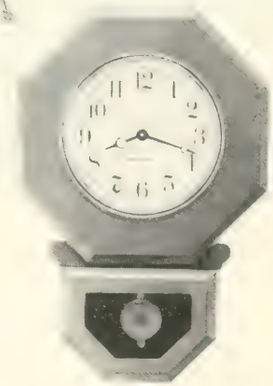
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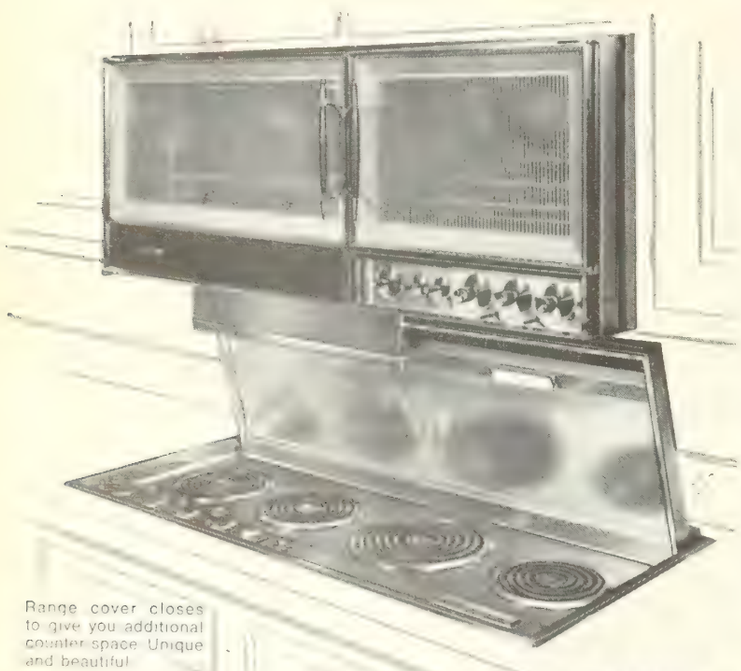
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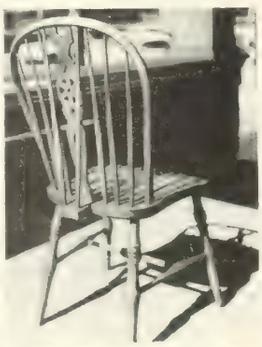
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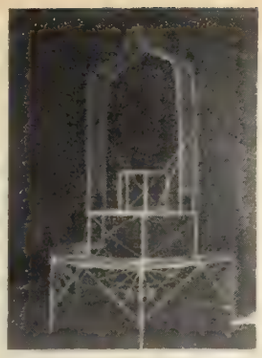
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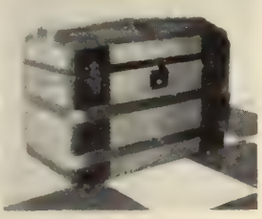


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My wire plant stand is made entirely without welding. Thirty years ago I was told it was a hundred years old, possibly of French origin. Do you think this is true?

L. R. McC.—Owosso, Mich.

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C. A. O.—Eugene, Ore.

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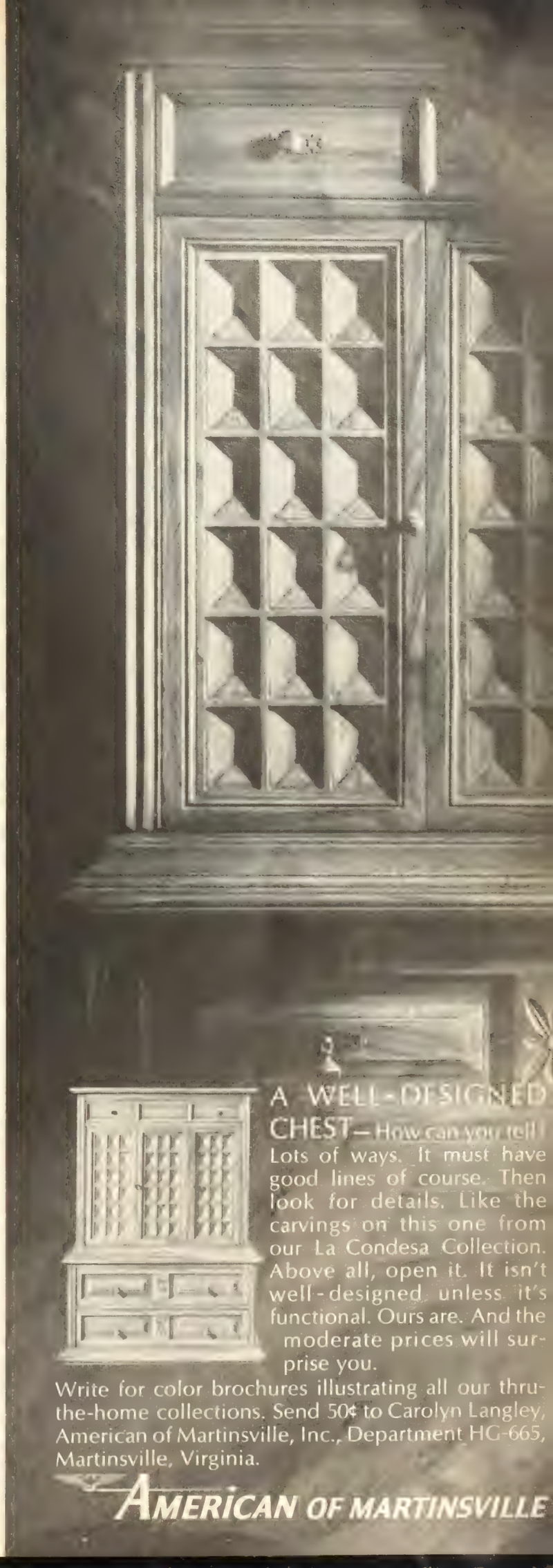


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I would like to have information as to the date of this shotgun, who made it and anything else that might be pertinent to its history.

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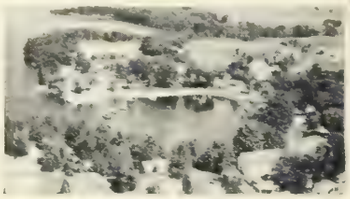
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London's villages

by Hugh Johnson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hugh Johnson, although still in his twenties, has earned an international reputation as a writer and wine connoisseur. He was, until recently, editor of the British quarterly "Wine & Food," and has often written articles for H&G's Corkscrew section. He lives in London, about which he writes affectionately, wittily and well.

London is a fabric of villages. No planning, regrouping, rebuilding nor even time has blurred the identities of the old country hamlets that make up the great metropolis.

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The City, bounded by what was left of its old Roman walls, was once London, and the great majority of Londoners lived within its limits. Now it is the workplace of a couple of millions by day, but empty at night except for trucks rumbling to the docks.

Cities in Europe tend to grow westward. The prevailing winds of summer—when the air in the streets used to be at its foulest—are westerly, so it was logical for the rich to build their houses upwind of the bad air of the city. As the West End became fashionable and filled up, another move westward was necessary. The tendency still goes on today in London, although not for the same reasons.

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Moving westward along the Thames from The City, or rather along Fleet Street, a quarter of a mile inland (the river embankment is something new; a boat used to be the only way of getting along the river), we pass the first of all the Inns of Court—the old lawyers' lodgings. Then come the

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Of Westminster Palace, for 500 years the English court, nothing remains but the new Banqueting Hall in Whitehall, built by Inigo Jones and decorated by Rubens for King Charles I, who died so cruelly on the scaffold before its windows. Whitehall, where the Banqueting Hall stands, is a grand street, but a dull one. It can hardly muster a shop or a pub from one end to the other. All is façade—the façades of the War Office, the Home Office, the Air Ministry, the Foreign Office. Westminster is permeated by the atmosphere of filing cabinets and teacups which government offices bring. You go there to gape at the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and come away impressed enough, but not inspired. In its back streets, though, lie some of the finest early eighteenth-century domestic architecture in London. Queen Anne's Gate, up the Cockpit Steps from Birdcage Walk (what delicious tricks the names play), is a film-set canyon of faded red brick picked out with white canopies, pillars, delicate and dignified fenestration.

You must be an antiquarian (or a politician) to appreciate Westminster. It turns its back on the pleasure-seeker.

Soho, pleasure-seeker's paradise

Soho, although one of the first suburbs of The City to be established, and at the turn of the eighteenth century the smartest, has turned itself over entirely to pleasure. Its theatres, restaurants, pubs and above all its delicatessens and markets are London's most exciting. Old Compton Street has the best of the food shops: Roche for French provisions (really French, there is nothing that hasn't come across the Channel, even the scrubbing soap) and King Bomba for Italian (not strictly authentic: it belongs to a Greek who would stock anything if it were delicious enough). (Parmigiani Figlio is really Italian, though.) Here is the chef's tailor and hatter, the corner where spare waiters queue up for last-minute jobs in the evening, the kitchen equipment shops, cut-price liquor stores and every accessory of the catering world.

The restaurants of Soho are the traditional, professional, businesslike restaurants of thirty years ago. They are not at all like the new wave of young men's restaurants which is overwhelming other parts of London, as we shall see. L'Escargot and Au Jardin des Gourmets rival each other across Greek Street. The Gay Hussar, in the same street, seems to have converted most of the world of publishing to Hungarian food. Romano Santi's continues to produce an excellent dinner at practically pre-war prices.

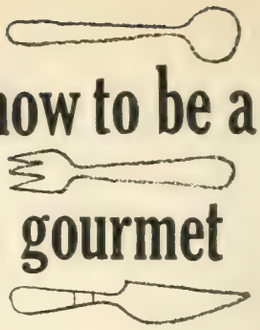
The market of Soho is called Berwick Market. It starts at Shaftesbury Avenue with fruit, flower and vegetable stalls and plunges into the heart of Soho among the strip clubs and fish bars. Halfway it crosses Brewer Street, which probably deserves to be called London's most congested thoroughfare. Floris, makers of the best chocolates in London, keep shop here.

Soho is an ill-defined area, more of a feeling than a given number of square yards. Stretching north beside the Tottenham Court Road, it has a sort of panhandle called Charlotte Street. Charlotte Street is the first, or

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Tucked away in London's byways are oases like this old coachman's pub in a Belgravia mews. The Grenadier. Pubs are to the Londoner what cafés are to the Parisien: spots to sit, talk with friends, idly watch the world go by.



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maybe the second, place a gourmet heads for on reaching London. At one end of it is the White Tower restaurant which is Greek—Greek in spirit, not in materials. No meat ever raised in Greece would be allowed near its dustbins. The food is superb, the wine list excellent and the atmosphere almost insupportably smart.

Charlotte Street continues with L'Hotel et Restaurant de L'Etoile, which you can picture from the name: small, sparkling, nearly perfect; Antoine's (a seafood restaurant this time, and a branch of Wheeler's, who cook fish perfectly at a half-a-dozen places around London); and Schmidt's, a very different kettle of fish—the nightly meeting place of hundreds of London University students who come for the biggest helpings of well-cooked food at by far the lowest prices in London. The bustle, the beer and the noodles with practically everything are German.

Mayfair, luxurious treasure house

I must be forgiven for talking as though life were all eating. Soho is, but life is not. Just west of Soho, at Regent Street (and at Liberty's, a store that carries the truly epicurean spirit into every bag and bangle it sells), the treasure hunting begins in good earnest.

Mayfair is bounded by Oxford Street to the north, Park Lane to the west, Piccadilly to the south and Regent Street on the east. Its longest and in every way most notable street is Bond Street, divided by name into Old and New (south and north) for no reason that is of any help to the traveler. To catalogue the good things of Bond Street would take a whole May morning. Sketchily, starting at the Piccadilly end, you will find Hunt & Winterbotham selling beautiful woolen fabrics and cashmere, Sac Frères selling rare amber, Barrett's selling ivory and Colnaghi's and Agnew's cornering the most extraordinary collection of old master drawings in the world. This is in the first hundred yards. Going on up, Charles Jourdan is the loveliest women's shoe shop; the Marlborough Fine Art Company and its little, strictly avant-garde branch, the New London Gallery opposite, are agents for most of Britain's best contemporary artists; Truefitt & Hill cut the smartest men's hair and Vidal Sassoon the smartest women's. Then we come to the jewelry section. Benson's, Boucheron, Cartier, Asprey's are hard on each other's heels.

Men's shirtmakers, airline offices and night clubs give the window gazer a moment's respite before the whole extravagant parade starts again with Mallet's antiques, Partridge's decorating treasures, Sotheby's legendary hoard.

Sotheby's Auction Rooms are a museum where everything is for sale—a museum which renews its entire contents every week. For the modicum of moral courage you need to wave your catalogue at the auctioneer at the appropriate moment, you can save yourself all the overheads and profit that a dealer would have to charge you for the same thing. The auction rooms are always open for viewing for two days before a sale. You just walk in, pay three pennies for a catalogue and wallow.

Mayfair is full of contradictions. The best of every kind of luxury shop is here, the best hotels, the best night clubs, restaurants, hairdressers and art galleries, yet half its residents are taxi drivers and barrow boys living in tall hen-houselike Victorian tenements and paying $6 a week rent. Nearly all its splendid mansions now house advertising agencies, couturiers or clubs. In Park Lane, dwarfed by some of the biggest and most notorious twentieth-century nonarchitecture in London, a few graceful old houses still represent what used to be the most elegant street of all. With their big white busts of tiered bow gal-

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Mallet's antique shop has taken over the Duke of Westminster's old town house near Berkeley Square, in the middle of Mayfair. Appropriately, the garden is filled with graceful wrought-iron outdoor furniture, pensive statues.



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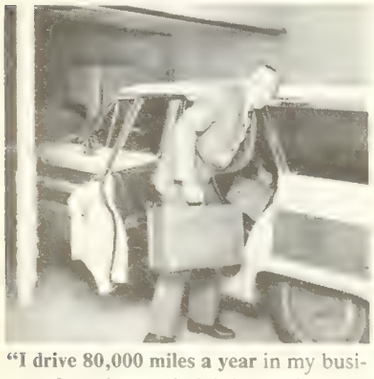
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leries facing the park, they stand like dowagers affronted at the vulgar hubbub around them.

Shepherd's Market is the little village heart of Mayfair to this day. You find it down a covered passageway off Curzon Street, opposite Crewe House, a large white country mansion in a green garden which calmly declines to blend in with the urban scenery at all. The market actually does supply the bread, butter and eggs of the neighborhood (and particularly good bread it is, too: the smell of baking always reminds me of Curzon Street) as well as one of the many browsing grounds of the trinket and antique fancier.

Berkeley Square, having had its serene parade of Georgian façades completely ruined by avaricious developers thirty years ago, has recently seen the most ambitious of all London's back-to-elegance enterprises: the grand-scale renovation of a very fine house, built in the mid-eighteenth century by William Kent. The house, #45, is now a gaming club known as Aspinall's. The cellars house Annabel's, a restaurant-night club—or rather I should say *the* restaurant-night club.

Mayfair's real shortcoming is that nobody can afford to move into it. Old leases are all very well, but the sort of bright new businesses on a shoestring which make London such an exciting place to be in, and above all to shop in, must go elsewhere. The great drift westward has taken them down to Knightsbridge and beyond to Chelsea, Pimlico, Kensington and even as far as Fulham, which ten years ago was only dimly part of public consciousness because of its football team.

Knightsbridge, Chelsea and Pimlico, a brilliant bazaar

Knightsbridge is the continuation of Piccadilly which runs along the south side of Hyde Park. Although it is only a street, everything near it uses its name as a talisman. South of it is Belgravia and Belgrave Square, the biggest and best of stuccoed palatial squares, where nothing ever happens.

All the excitement of Knightsbridge is centered around its chaotic junction with Sloane Street (leading to Sloane Square and Chelsea) and Brompton Road, which, as far as most people are concerned, leads to Harrods.

Perhaps the best thing of all in Knightsbridge is a sudden outbreak of the superlative in shopping at the corner of Halkin and Lowndes Streets, a hundred yards from the Carlton Tower Hotel. Here within a few yards Michael Gosschalk makes the most talked about jewelry, Jane Halkin sells gorgeous dress fabrics, Trollope's keeps its five-star palatial decorating establishment, Hotspur sells the finest eighteenth-century English furniture, Derek Howe has a corner shop full of antique china and porcelain and Wheeler's has the Carafe, the most elegant and epicurean of Knightsbridge's restaurants. Facing this galaxy across the street is Vasa, the best of the Scandinavian furniture importers, a paradise of soft, black leather and purposeful teak.

The plums tend to cluster very thick like this in Chelsea, too. Chelsea is a very big town-within-a-town now, merging imperceptibly

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bly with Kensington to the north and Knightsbridge to the northeast and bordering the river to the south.

Chelsea's main artery, the King's Road, rivals Bond Street for sustained fascination, although possibly not for quality. It has given its name to a way of living, or maybe only dressing, which means much the same as Greenwich Village. The newest kinks are tried out with gay abandon on its narrow sidewalks to the bemused amazement of the old local inhabitants whose controlled rents still protect them from the tidal wave of speculation and smartening up which has swept the borough.

The King's Road gets its name from the fact that it winds up at the back door of Buckingham Palace. Its last half-mile is richly residential; no good to visitors. At Sloane Square, the eastern limit of Chelsea, it enters its commercial phase. Sloane Square is a small town in its own right. It has a hotel, a subway station, a theatre (the Royal Court, the most interesting and fast moving of all London's forty-odd theatres) and a big store. The whole Square, with paved and fountained center, fringed with plane trees and above all, the store, Peter Jones, exudes the immediately pre-war atmosphere of its building. Despite its dated, curving, colored-glass façade, Peter Jones is one of the most enthralling shops in London. It belongs to the John Lewis Partnership, a group of stores up and down the country whose watchword is "Never Knowingly Undersold." Their bold bid is to sell you anything from their excellent, and often brilliant, selection of merchandise at as low a price as you can find anywhere. Their specialities are fabrics, china and glass, hardware, furniture and carpets.

Within the last few years Sloane Square has been becoming more and more the bazaar of the brilliant in London shopping. The General Trading Co., a furnishing store which used to hide its light under a bushel in a Mayfair mews, has recently transformed a big private house in Sloane Street, a hundred yards from the Square, into the ashtray collector's Valhalla. Your first impression—that there is nothing in the store which anyone could ever need—is almost the lure of the place. The G. T. C. is the ideal place for a visiting spendthrift to get London in focus. Upstairs, not to be missed, are two floors of fine antiques.

Before beginning the long and fertile haul down the King's Road there is another enclave, what we might call a sub-village, to visit. Sloane Street comes to Sloane Square from Knightsbridge, and after the interruption of the square goes on, as Lower Sloane Street, south toward the river. On this final stretch it runs down the side of Pimlico, a district which came into existence late in the life of London, and on the wrong side of the tracks at that. A hundred years ago it was considered uninhabitable, and wild duck were shot in its riverside marshes. There are those who consider its heavy, ornate Victorian terraces and squares uninhabitable still, but Pimlico has recently become the site of some of London's liveliest new enterprises. Shoestring businesses have taken advantage of its nearness to Chelsea. Antique shops have multiplied. The most remarkable of the Pimlico mushrooms is Casa Pupo, a boutique for the fragile prettinesses and gaudy tapestries of Spain. Pupo, one of the partners, is an elegant and imaginative Spaniard; his room settings, in the rambling row of

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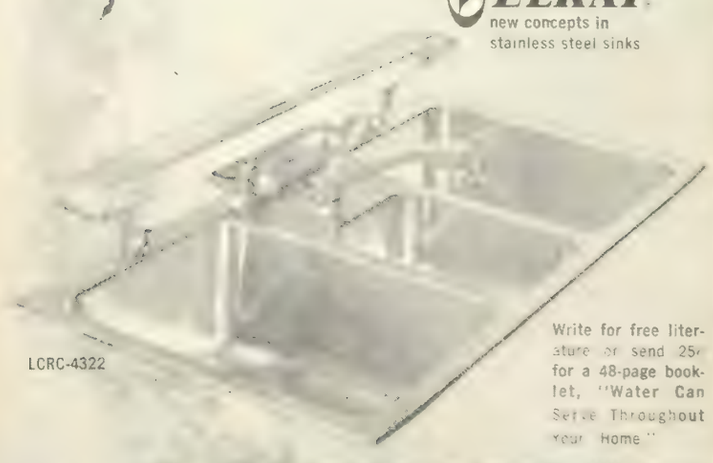
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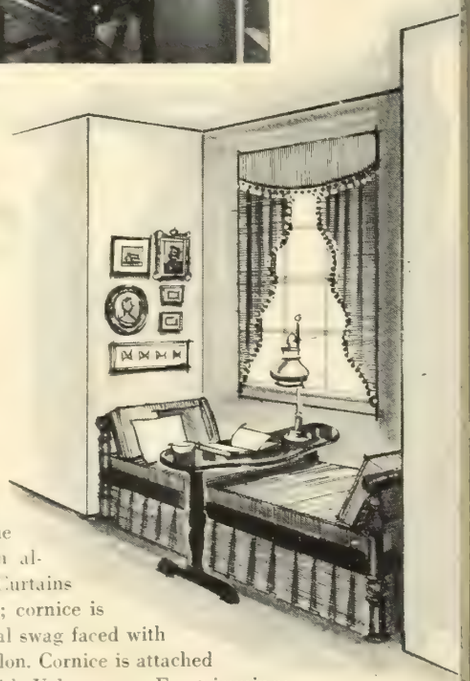
When Thomas Jefferson, man of many talents, designed his remarkable Monticello, he also devised curtains for all the windows. As a change from the formal, heavy, to-the-floor curtains of the time, he evolved graceful, abbreviated curtains that hung just to the window sill and consisted only of short cascades of fabric with a simple swag across the top. By eliminating the usual voluminous falls of fabric, these curtains gave extra breadth to the windows and let in a maximum amount of light, yet still created a soft frame. Although the original nucleus of Monticello was completed in 1774, Jefferson's curtains were not made up until the Seventeen Eighties because the import of fabrics ceased, naturally, during the Revolutionary War. A perfectionist, Jefferson supervised every step of the curtain-making himself—figuring his own yardage, keeping precise track of his orders in his pocket account book, even, while he was otherwise occupied being President, studying and making detailed sketches of different methods of cutting and draping curtains.

The original curtains in a summery fabric



In a small dining room at Monticello, graceful sill-length curtains of white dimity are a lovely choice for the bay window as they let in plenty of light. Curtains are cut in a sculptured line, cornice draped softly, everything trimmed with a handmade ball fringe.

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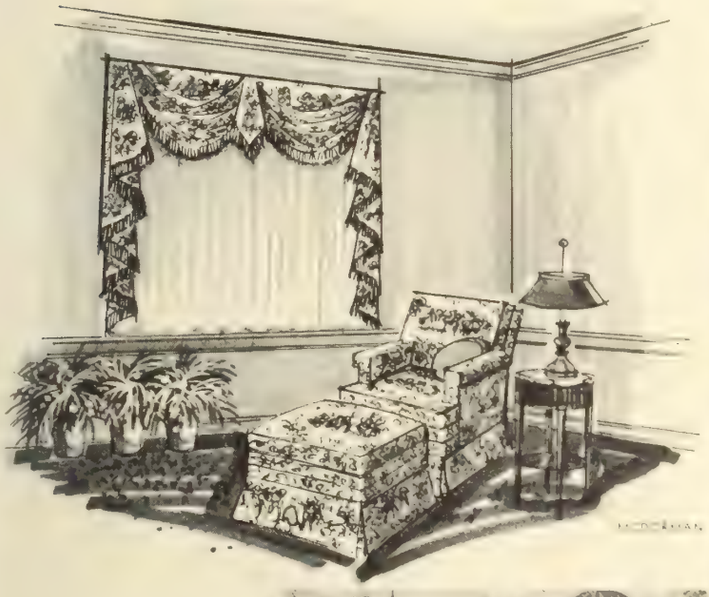
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Music mores outdoors

by Faubion Bowers

EDITOR'S NOTE: H&G's new music consultant, Faubion Bowers, is a pianist as well as a writer. As a pianist he once toured every small town in France, later received a scholarship to the Juilliard Graduate School of Music and studied also at L'École Normale de Musique in Paris. As a music critic and essayist he has written widely, is currently at work on a biography of the Russian turn-of-the-century composer, Scriabin.

Music and fresh air have a special conjugation all over the world. The great baths of Rome put on open-air opera. So does the zoo in Cincinnati. An extreme example of alfresco exuberance occurred a few summers back at the Boboli Gardens in Florence, Italy, when the American opera star, Teresa Stich-Randall, sang an aria as Queen of the Fairies in "Oberon" while swimming in a real outdoor pool of real water.

Summertime Tokyo and Moscow turn on their street-corner loudspeakers to blast out symphonies, ballets or beer-garden music to anyone's heart's surfeit. Not even the noises of harried pedestrians nor the impatience of jammed cars quite muffle the good cheer of this street Muzak. There are romantic Pop concerts on the banks of Boston's Charles. Everywhere in America from Hollywood to Ravinia, bowls, stadia, shells, amphitheatres, parks and gardens resound with starlit or moonlit music.

Certainly the quality of music changes with the atmosphere in which it is heard. Partners, too. The friend we invite on a cold frosty evening to hear Beethoven is different from the one we take to hear Debussy's "*L'Après-midi d'un Faune*" at the Tanglewood shed on a lazy, languid afternoon.

In earlier days composers specifically composed with the open air in mind. Once they wrote for troubadours and minnesingers, itinerant musicians who might or might not be invited into the house for indoor performances. Serenades were, by definition, to be sung outdoors, at night, and under a mistress' window. In addition, there were all kinds of state occasions for public music—coronations, weddings and funerals of the greater and lesser kings and barons—all needing escorts of brass and wind instruments.

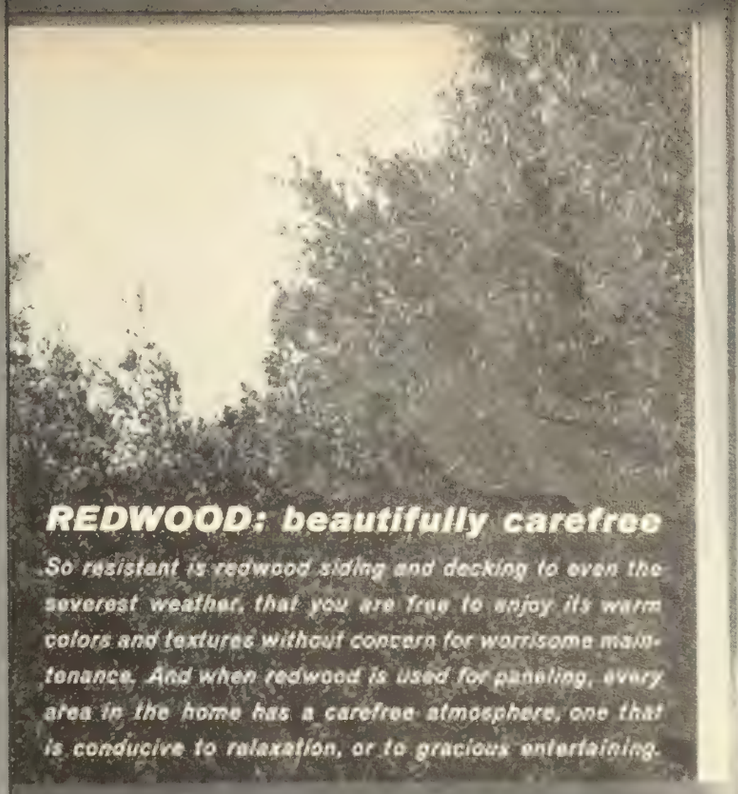
Other occasions were more subtle. Handel, for example, wrote his famous and enduring "Water Musick" in 1715 for the diversion of King George I. The latter liked to drift leisurely downstream on the Thames in an open barge all the way from Whitehall to Limehouse to the sound of his personal music. Handel's "Fireworks Musick," a couple of decades later, enhanced another sort of outdoor celebration. For all the cannons booming and the lanterns creaking in the night breeze, the gunpowder and the ooh's and aah's of the crowns, this festival music was nevertheless audible and appealing to the King and his immediate entourage.

As recently as 1870, Richard Wagner composed one of his pieces in a spirit quite removed from the concert or opera hall. His charming and maundering "Siegfried Idyll" was a surprise birthday present for his wife and a thank-you for producing a son for him. He had the Idyll performed in the garden of the Wagner villa by a group of string and trumpet players standing on the stairs as an awakening *aubade* at 7:30 in the morning.

Nowadays, composers possibly know too much about acoustics to risk the open air. So, all of us have become inured to formal concerts and the strictly attentive silence of the glacial, winter concert hall. One reason for the reluctance is that outdoors we hear only the direct sound without reverberations. Sound travels slowly—1,120 feet a second at 60° Fahrenheit—and, as acousticians phrase it, "decays with distance." The sound of music is fleeting, evanescent. It evaporates and vanishes into the air's silence. For instance, a strong note of 70 decibels at 3 feet away (against a normal background noise of 46 decibels such as the murmur of traffic in the distance) is already inaudible at 48 feet away.

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rect sound as it bounces off walls and ceilings or travels around antly from chandeliers. Protected from stifling noise outside, the music theater [illegible] still loudly, cushioned by the auditors themselves acting as padded [illegible] infinity.

Equipment for outdoor music

Moving indoor-made music outdoors poses fewer difficulties today than it once did. Formerly, speakers wired to the set inside the house used to require so much amplification as to reach the point of distortion. Worse, the sound was often rasping close to, and faint a few feet away. Today's more highly powered amplifiers have surmounted these drawbacks. Their speakers are infinitely more sensitive. Direct sound has a good and comfortable range of distance, without exaggeration.

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The main problem between music and the outdoors is one of competition. Not all music stands up to the distraction natural surroundings entail. The rays of the sun change and slant. A shadow grows between the beginning and the end of a symphony. A twig crackles, a leaf falls or a bird flutters. During Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" we would notice these natural occurrences with irritation. During Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" music, they would only add charm, inoffensively, and even become part of the music in remembrance's ear.

Selections for alfresco

The choice of outdoor music should be planned. As a general principle, any music written about the nature of the out-of-doors is suitable for most private and summery purposes. The "Pastoral Symphony" of Beethoven (originally subtitled, "Recollections of Life in the Country") or the "Pastoral Symphony" of Vaughan Williams is instantly appropriate. So is Poulenc's "Concert Champêtre" or his piano Concerto. Romantic composers, such as Brahms, Grieg, Schumann with his "Spring Symphony," or Mendelssohn again with his "Scotch," all blend beautifully with grass and sky, trees and sun. Imponderables, however, enter. Brahms' Second and Third Symphonies are ideal for any excursion; his First and Fourth, perhaps, are too thunderous in the one instance and too refined in the second. During outdoor music, nature vies for attention, and insufficiently or overly concentrated music will lose out.

Some music may be titled appropriate to a season or an element without being so. Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Debussy's "Clair de Lune" for all their grace are still products of men sitting at a piano inside and looking *out* their windows. Songs, salon music of the Chopin sort, and chamber music, whatever their superlative worth otherwise, are inclined to fade a little too easily outside. The very concentration on which their excellence rests is dissipated by the more casual, less intense pleasure of summertime sounds. Unless strong emotional addiction or sentimental associations demand it, this music, like a translation, is apt to lose in the geographical transfer from inside to out.

Like romantics, the moderns go well, too. Sibelius, the great, rugged, outdoor composer, depicts his Finnish wastelands of snow and ice, of soughing pine forests, of endless expanses of cold scenery with relentless explicitness.

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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

There is one hostess in our neighborhood who might be compared to the chic French woman who manages by one small touch of munificence to make the simplest dress elegant. Her parties are far from elaborate, but she always creates one magnificent course or accessory that gives tremendous dash to the event and lingers in the memory of the guests. At her last dinner, for example, she began an otherwise excellent-but-simple meal with a truly distinguished first course: bountiful servings of oysters on the half shell generously sprinkled with fresh caviar.

Another time I recall she set a tasteful party table with pleasing but unpretentious china, then added her beautiful Reisenstein crystal goblets in the "Brigette" pattern. Exquisitely shaped and



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The idea of giving every party one or two luxurious touches would be a very wise one for a bride to adopt, seems to me. Such small niceties as providing after-dinner cigars for the gentlemen, or serving only champagne instead of cocktails or making a centerpiece of a few camellias rather than an ebullient display of flowers can give a 24-karat cachet far beyond the cost of the gesture.

Now that outdoor dining time is here, I have been looking for the perfect place mats for our terrace table. I already had enough organdy and lacy ones for luncheons; what I had in mind this time was something handsome and informal, yet not too rustic. Found just the thing at Wilburt's in New York: mats made of random thin flat strips of mahogany, plaited together at the edges. I got mine in the natural wood, but they also come in a grassy green, shadowy blue and taupe. They require practically no upkeep, yet have a lot of style with all but my most delicate china.

It has been a long time since the white tablecloth was a must for a formal dinner, but even so, I have never been completely happy with my pastel-colored cloths on such occasions. They never look quite dressy enough to me. Now I have discovered the perfect alternative: a very dark colored cloth—blue or eggplant or deep olive, for example. Virtually any china pattern looks dramatic against these colors. Use of a dark cloth is especially effective with pale flowers, lots of silver and candlelight—sets everything off the way a black dress shows off a jewel. P.S.: I've learned it's best to use napkins of the same color as the cloth; you want the strong contrast with the silver and china, not dissipated against an extraneous color.

Tips from my company food file, breakfast department: Flavored butters to spread on toast, pancakes and waffles, brioches and muffins. Our favorites are cinnamon butter (made with brown sugar and cinnamon); orange butter (with finely grated orange rind); maple butter (with crushed maple sugar); bacon butter (with crumbles of crisp bacon). I cream several batches of different flavors at once, put them in attractive little crockery pots and keep them in the freezer until I need them.

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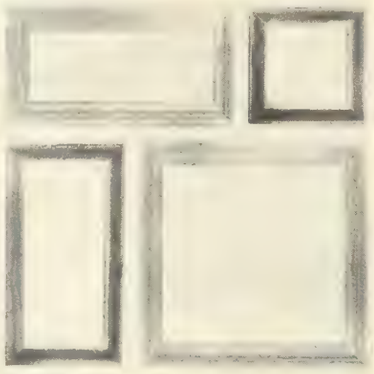
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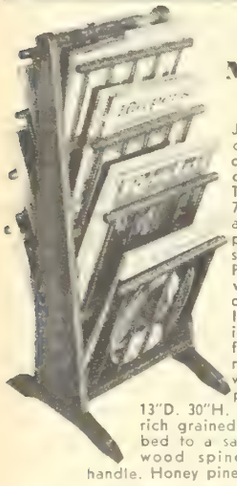


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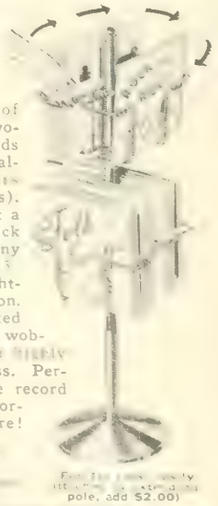
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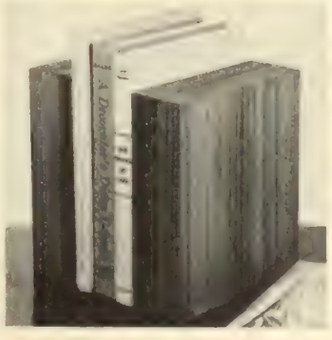
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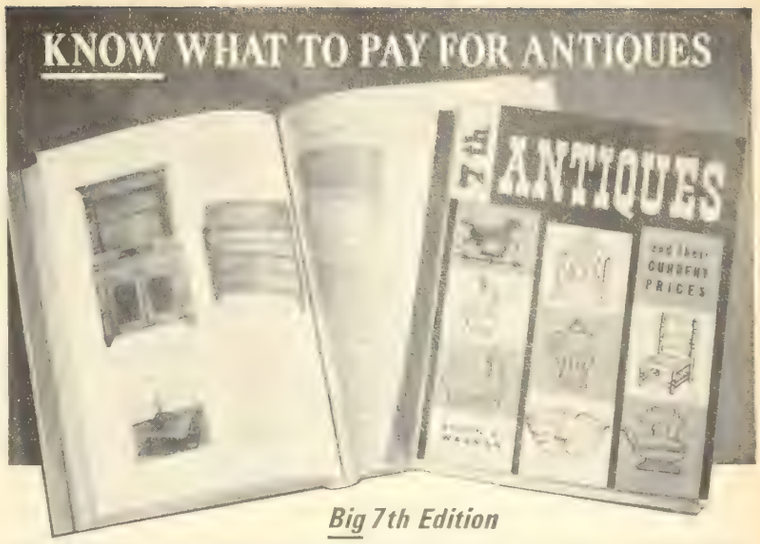
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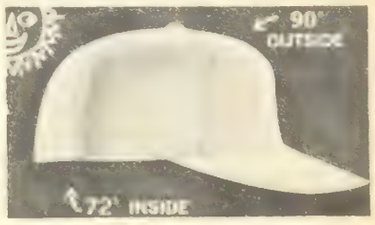
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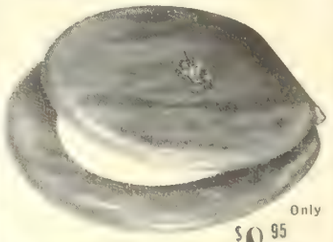
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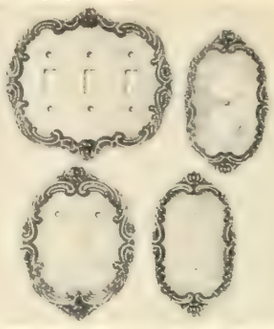
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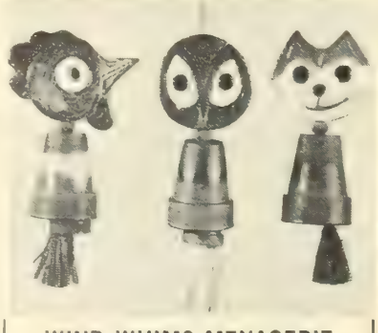
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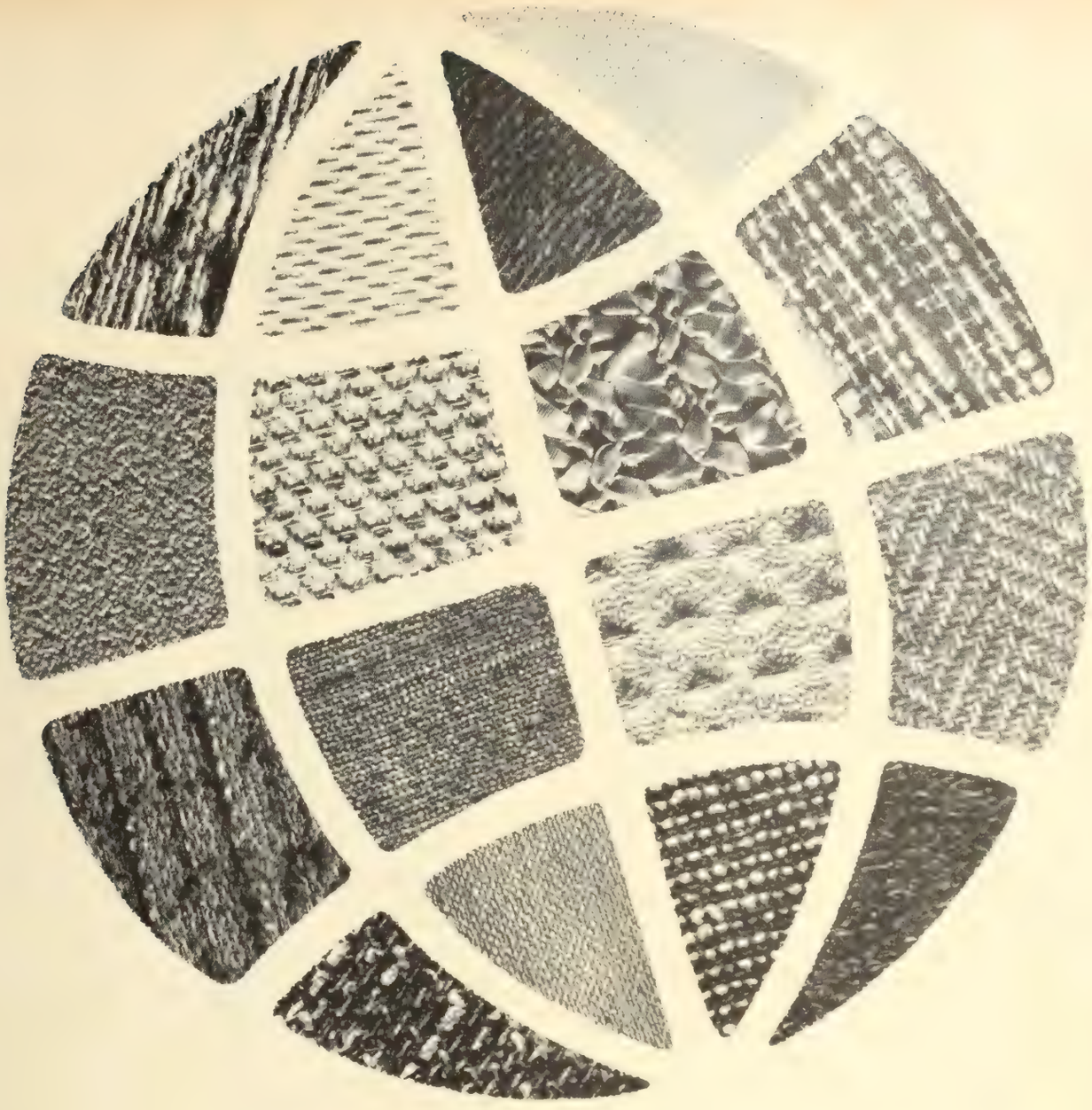
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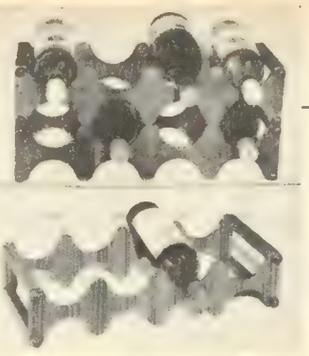
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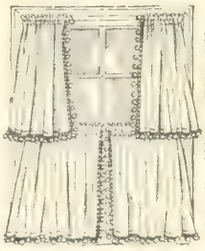
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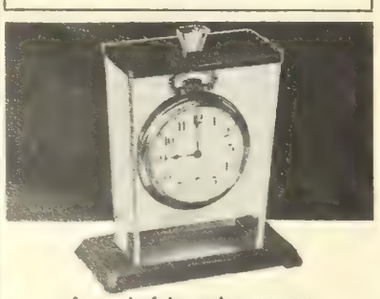
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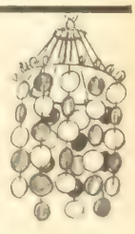
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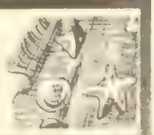


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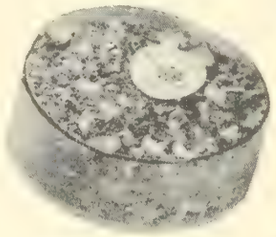
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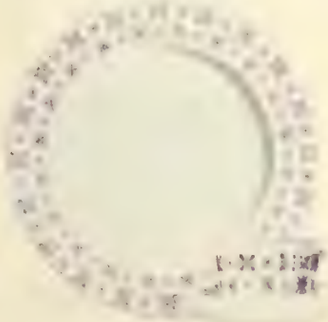


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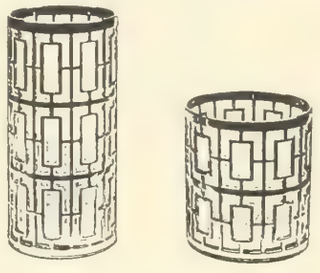
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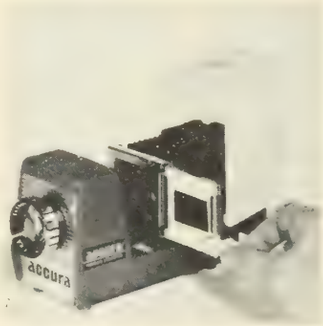
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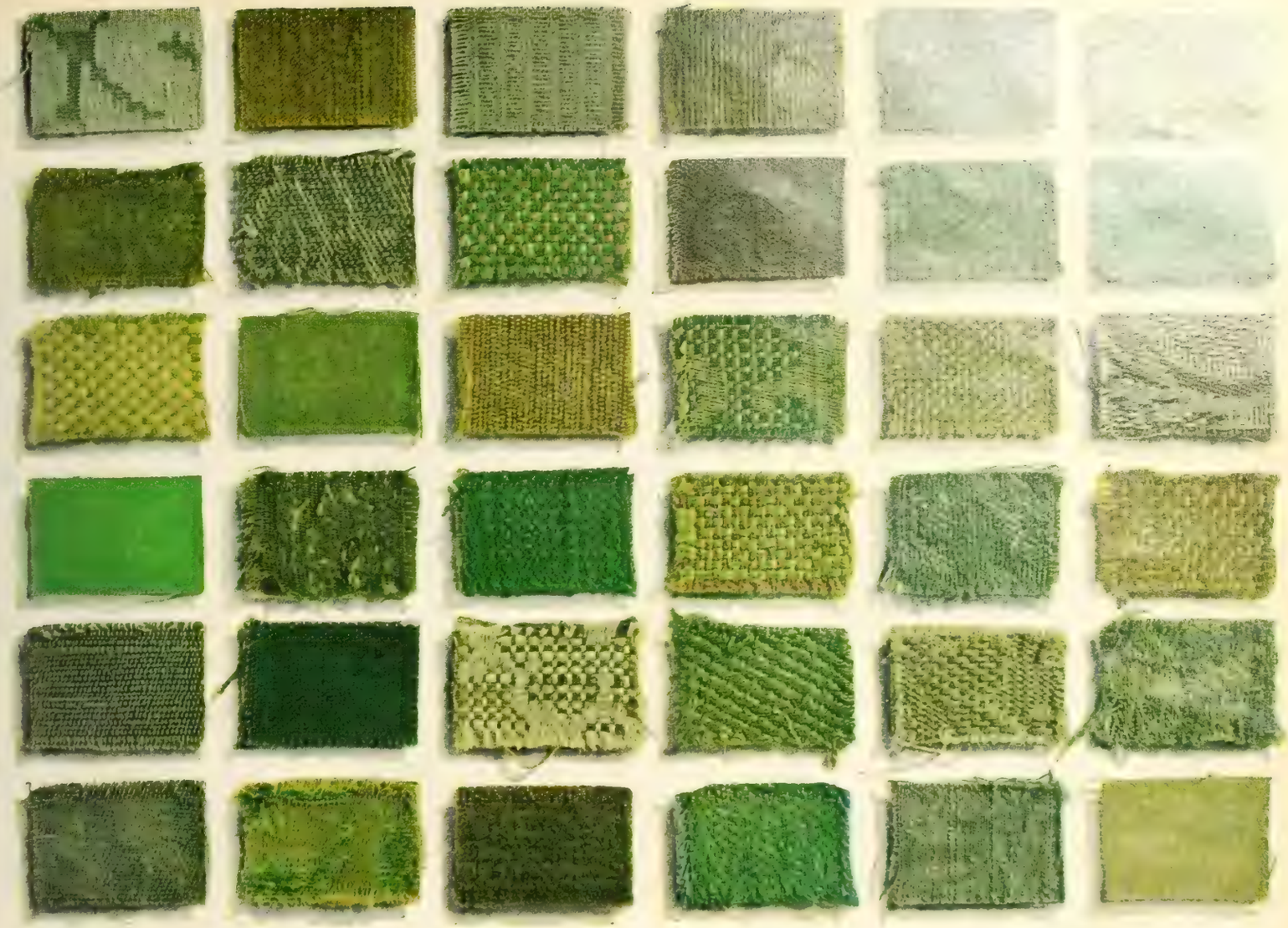
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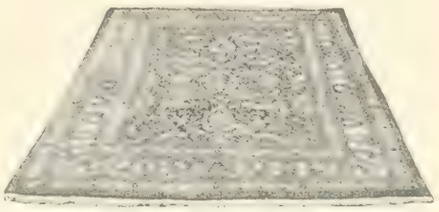
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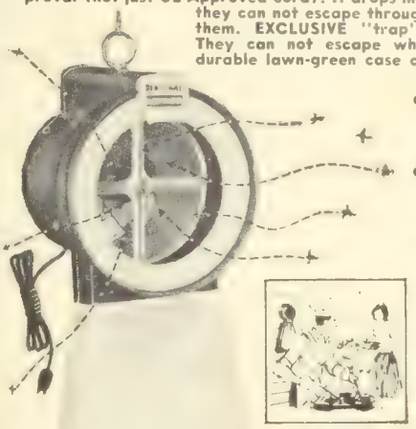


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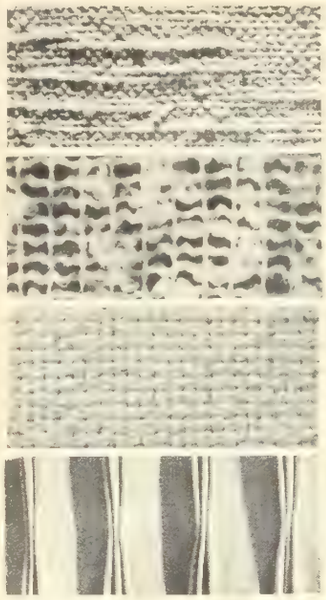
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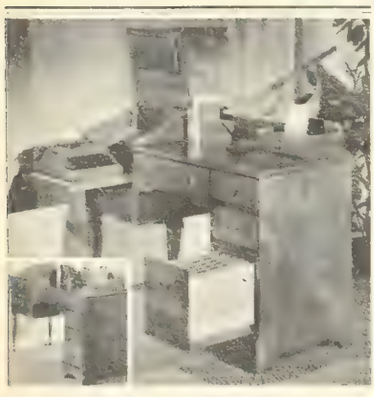
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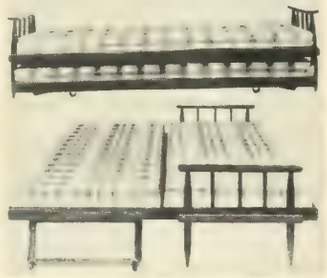
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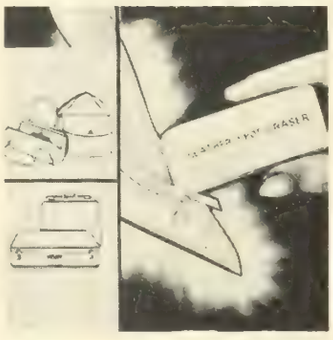
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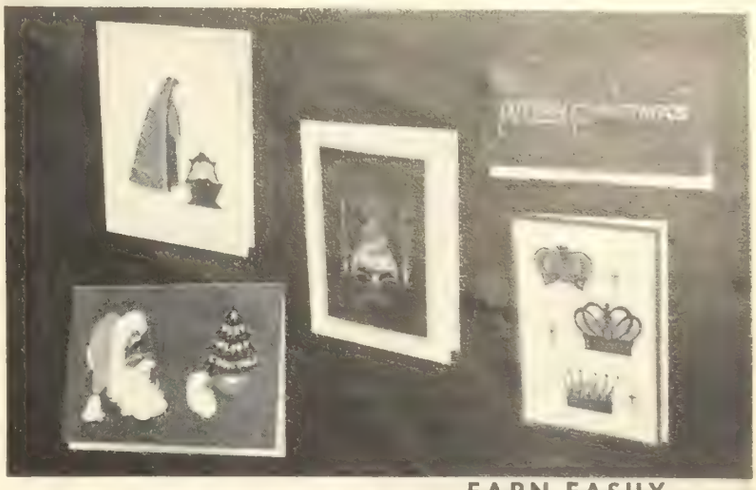
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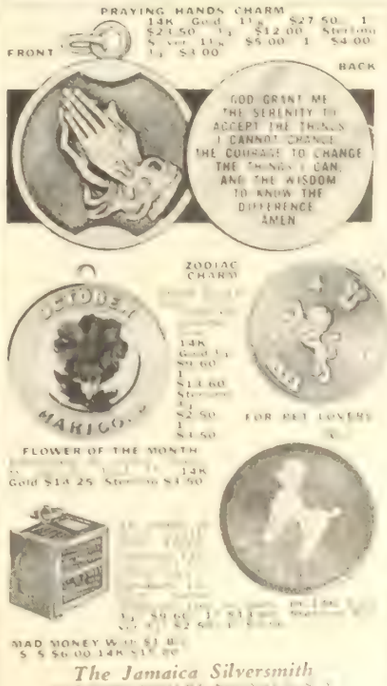
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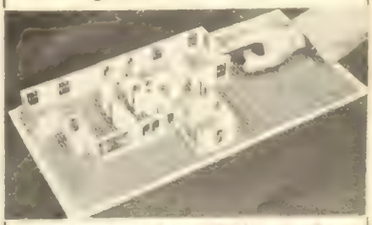


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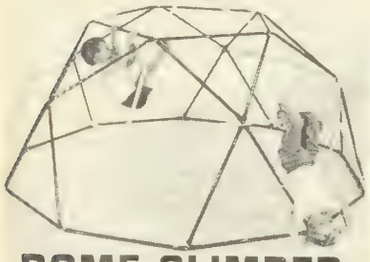


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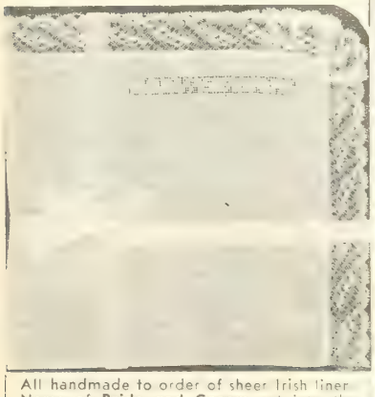
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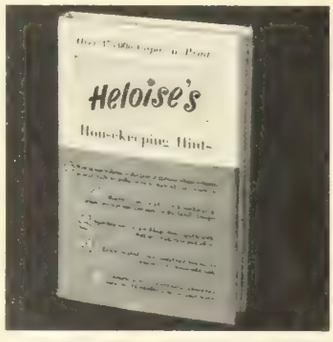
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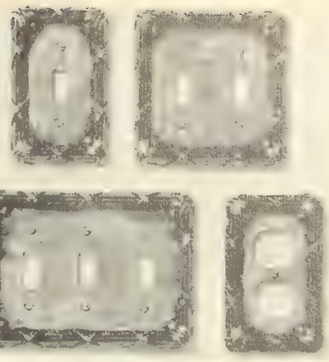
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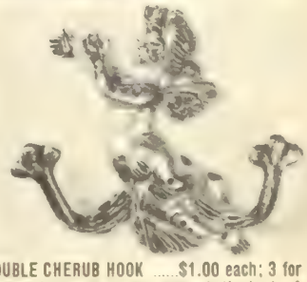
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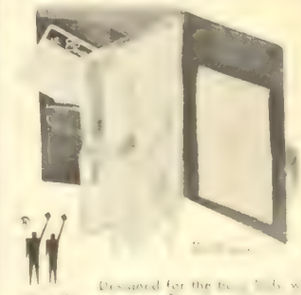
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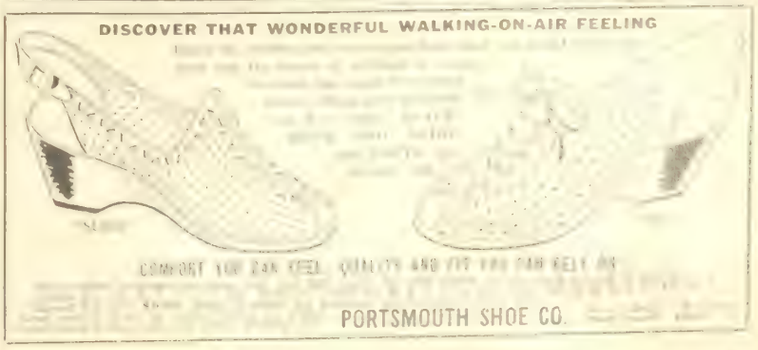
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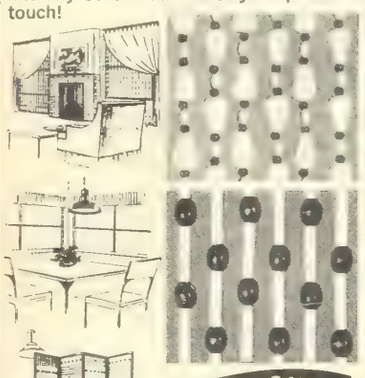
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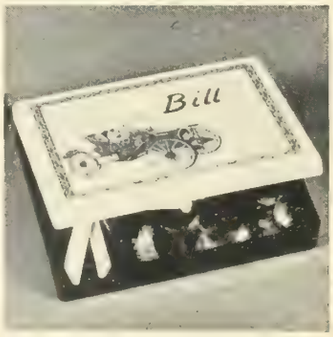
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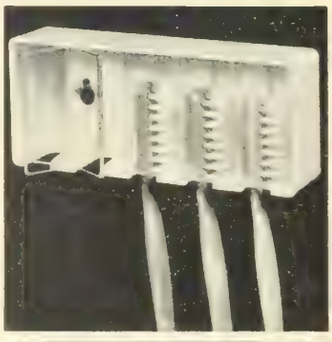
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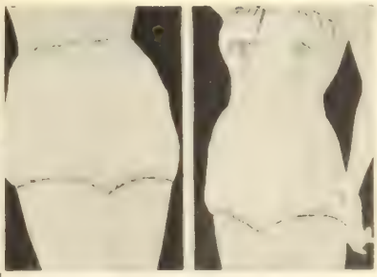
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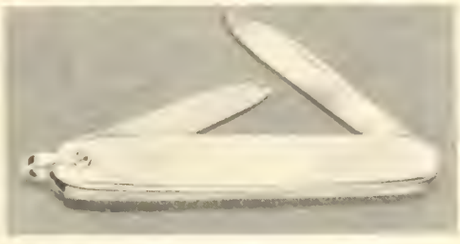
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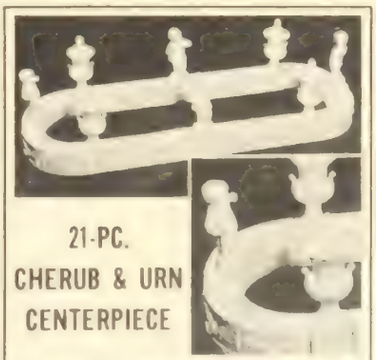
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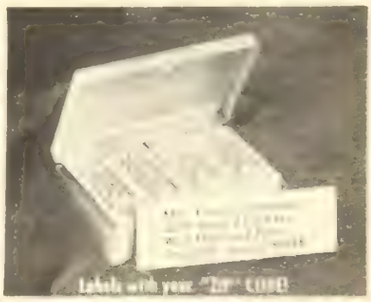


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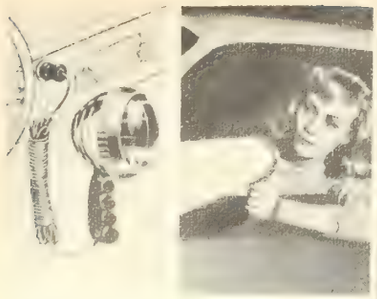


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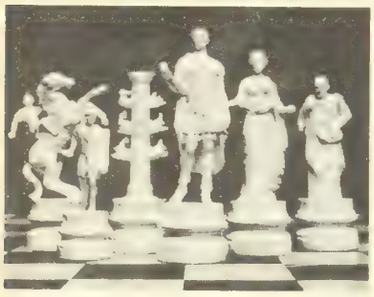
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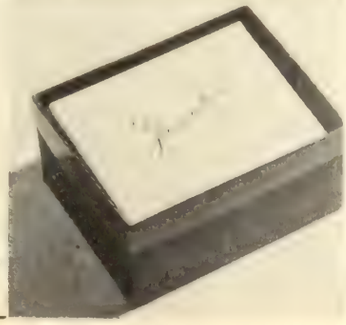


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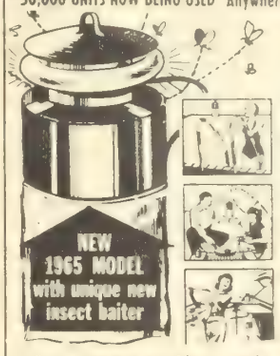
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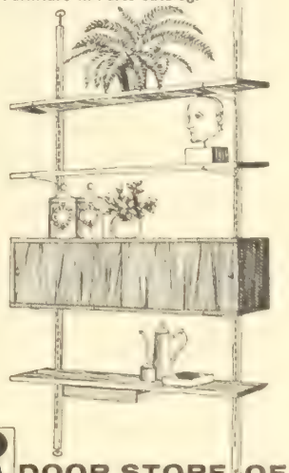
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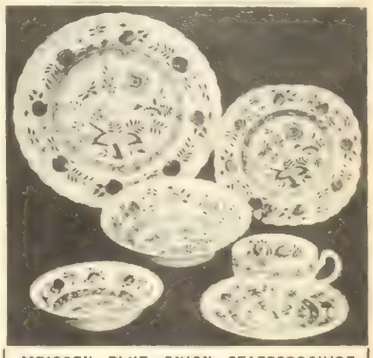
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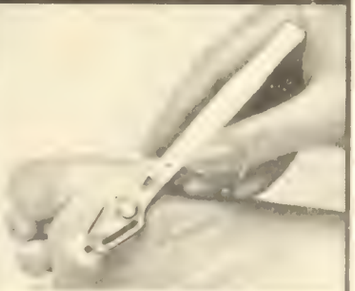
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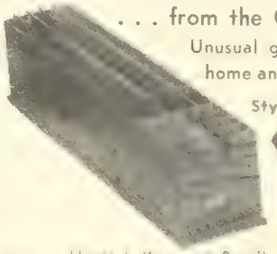
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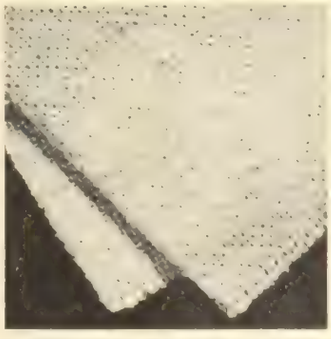
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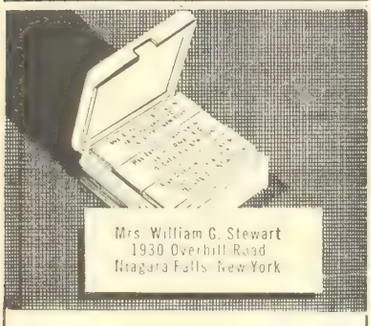
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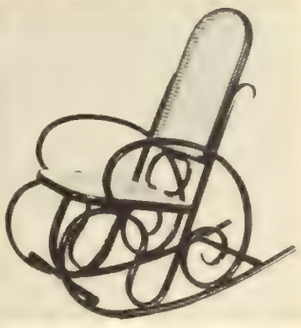
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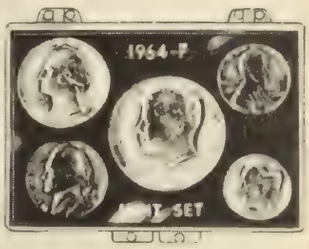
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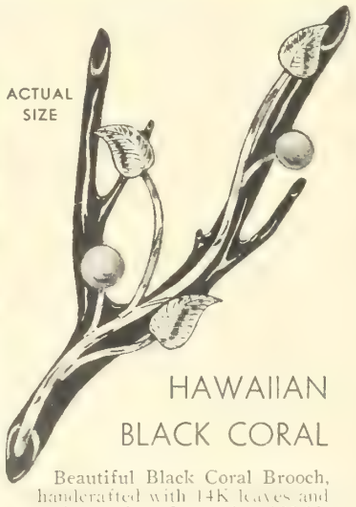
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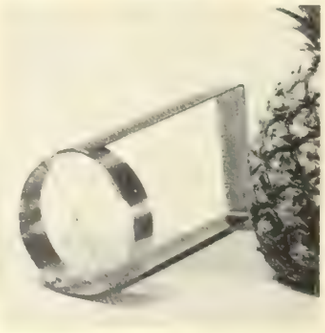
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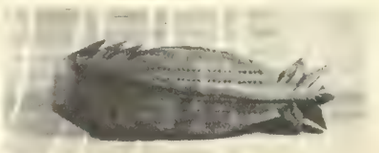
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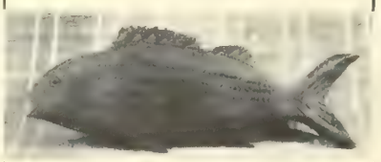
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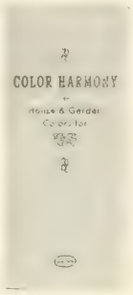
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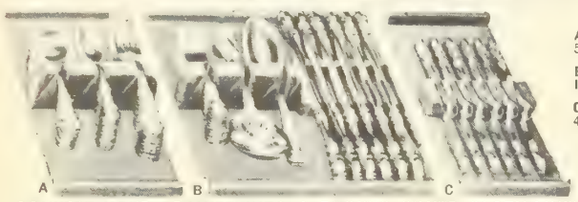
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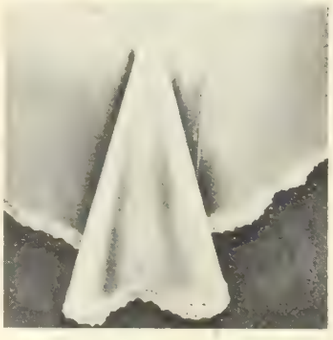
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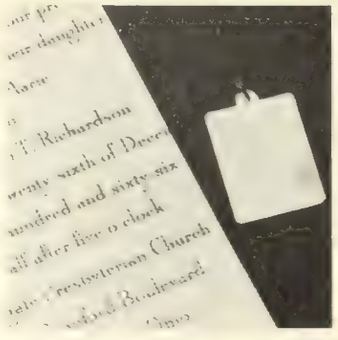
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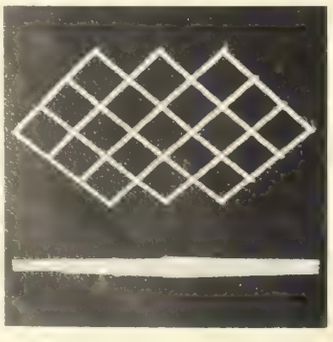
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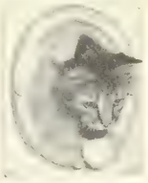
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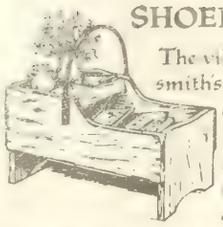
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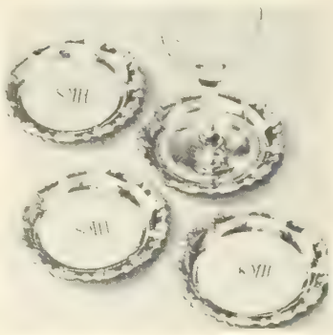
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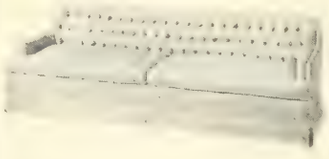
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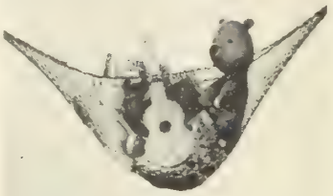
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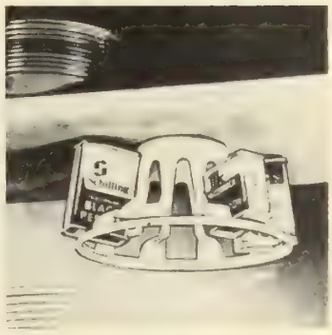
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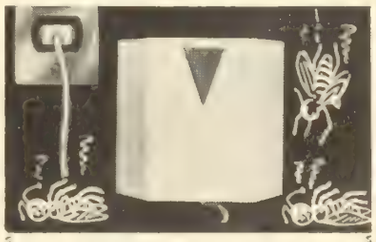
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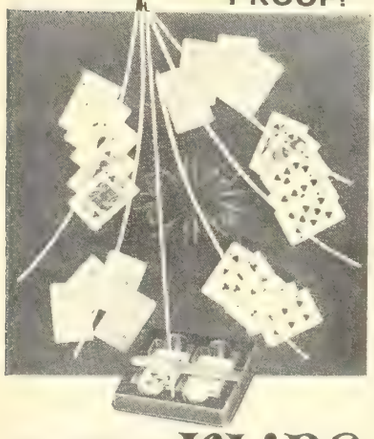
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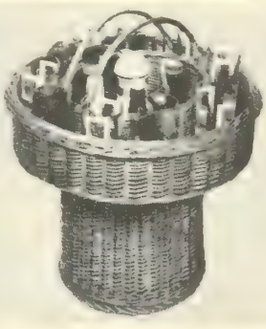
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Heavenly pink angel wing candle carries her own radiance and a delicious fragrance as well. Carnation scented candle will burn brightly for many a twilight hour. Combined with ruby red flowers, dark green leaves. 12 inches high. $3 each. Carolina Soap & Candle Makers, HG6, Southern Pines, N. C.



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For some youngsters this is Lincoln's log cabin, for others a store in Dodge City, but it's also a great poolside cabaña. Split cedar, it comes in 6 large sections which assemble easily. 4′ by 5′ by 5½′ h., $21.95. 5′ by 7′ by 6½′ h., $12.95; with doors, shutters, $59.95. Exp. coll. Cedar Products, HG6, Box 84, N. Baldwin, N. Y. 11512.



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Pool safety

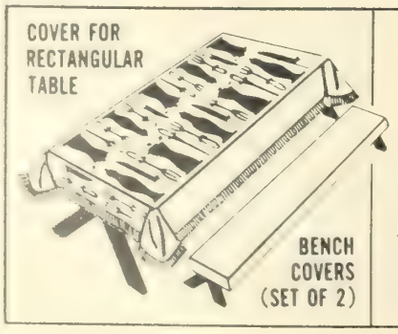
Good insurance for pool owners is a cover that prevents accidents, keeps the pool clean and cuts down algae growth. Aqua polypropylene cover, available in all sizes and shapes, snaps on with stainless steel springs that lock. 15′ by 30′ cover, $188.50 exp. coll. Meyco, HG6, 99-08 Metropolitan Ave., Forest Hills, N. Y.



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A beguiling lad rides a turtle and the enchanting pair tops a scallop shell pedestal. With recirculating pump and fittings, the boy and turtle are 15″ h.; base 8″ d.; shell, 7″ h., 22″ w., 20″ d.; pedestal, 6½″ h., 11½″ d. Pompeian stone, $85; Carrara, $90. Shipping charges f.o.b. Catalogue, 50c. J. Giolli, HG6, 1305 N. Clybourn, Chicago, Ill.

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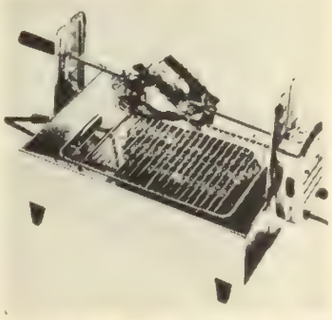
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Ahoy m'hearties



She'll keep her port and starboard tacks correct if she wears deck grippers. Left shoe is red and marked "P" for port. Right is "S" and green for starboard. Color fast, pre-shrunk duck upper, non-skid rubber sole. Sizes 6 to 6½; 7 to 7½; 8 to 8½. $6.98 ppd. Spencer Gifts, 623 Spencer Bldg., Atlantic City, N. J.

Beauty for barbecue



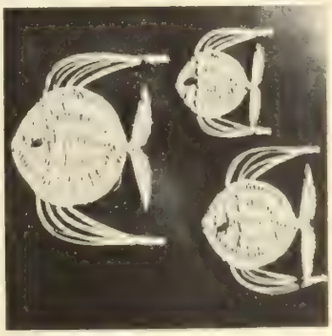
Most delightful find is the combination pit barbecue and rotisserie. Made of chromed heavy-gauge metal, it uses infra-red, heat that sears outside, retains inner juices. Removable element permits washing. Compact, it measures 11″ by 17″ by 5″. $29.98 with rotisserie; $18.98 without. 75c post. A Man's World, HG6, Flushing 52, N. Y.

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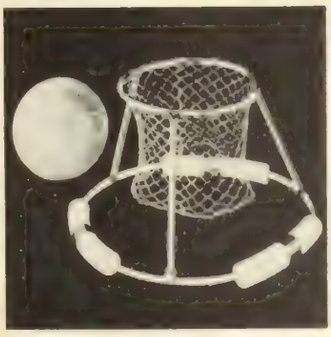
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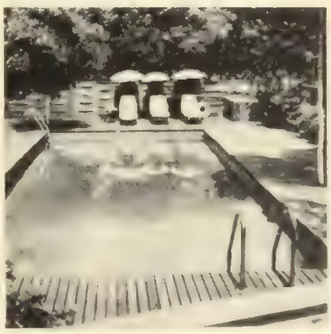
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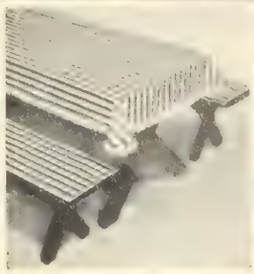


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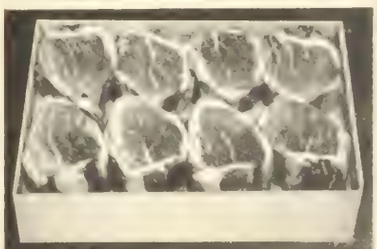
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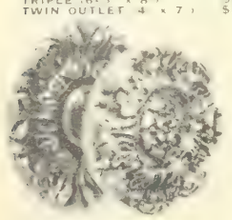
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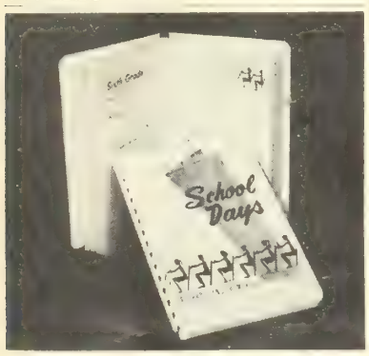


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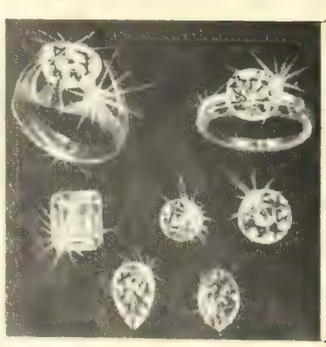
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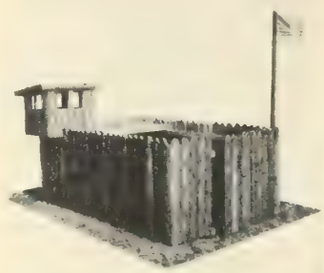
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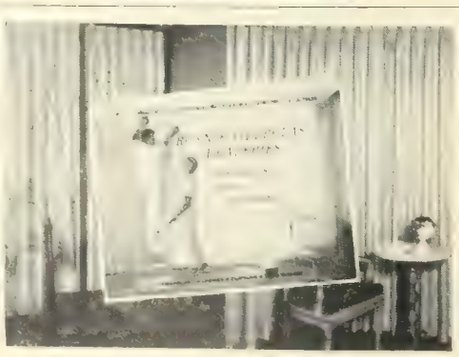
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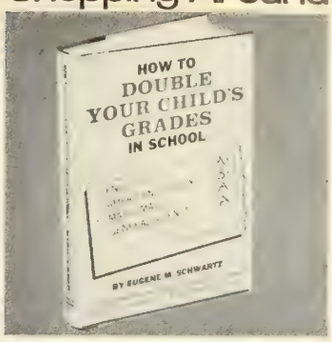
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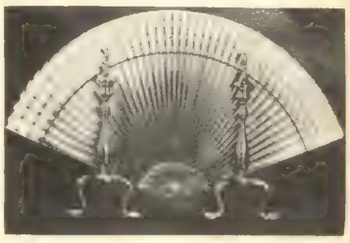
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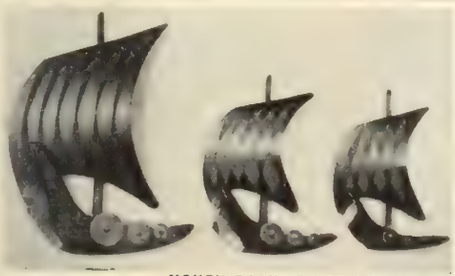


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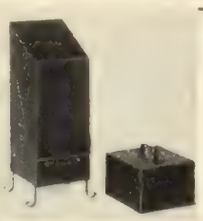


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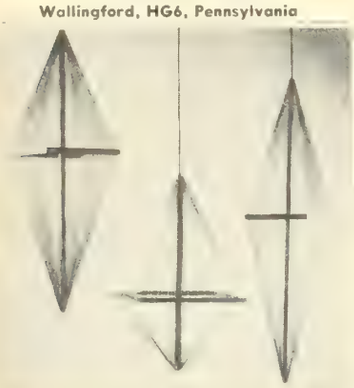
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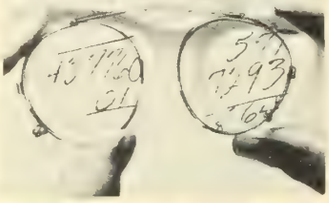
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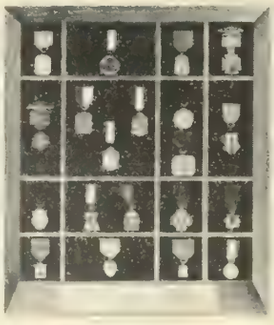
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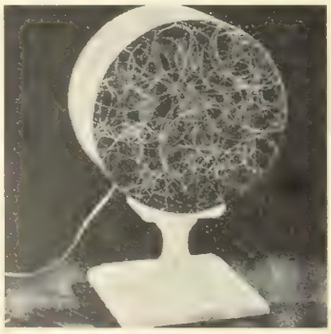
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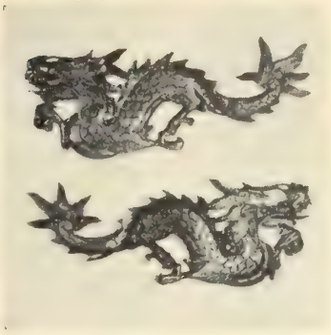
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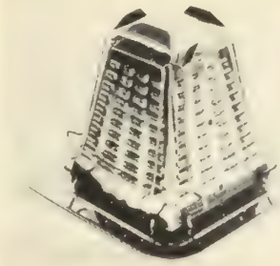
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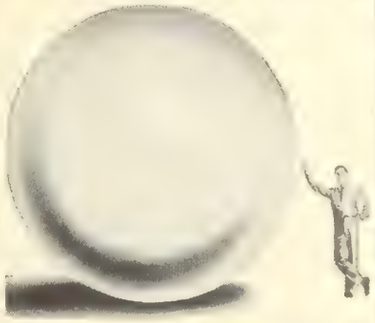
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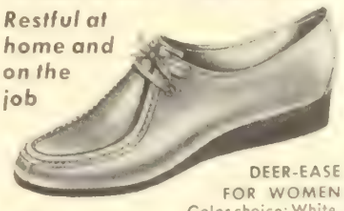
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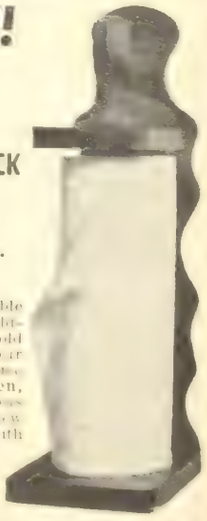
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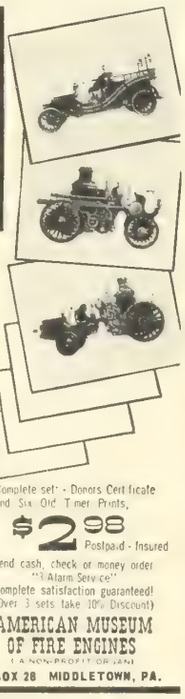
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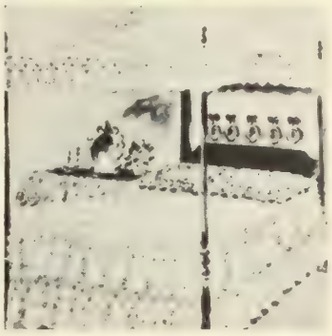
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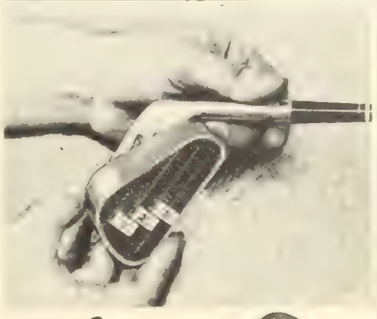
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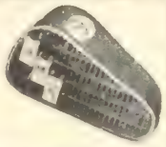
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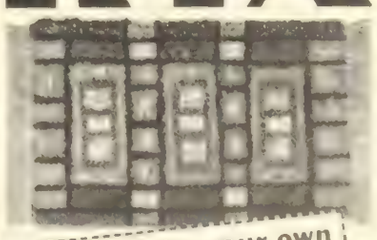
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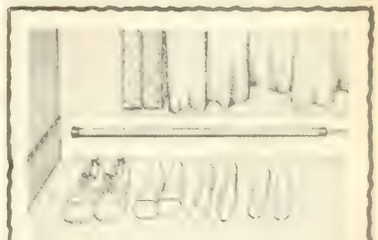
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In theory this is nothing new. What is new is the mounting number of problems involved in purifying used water. Before the country had become as intensively urbanized and industrialized as it is today, purification was taken care of very neatly by nature: plants, bacteria and minerals in the streams and ground automatically decomposed the waste in all the used water that passed through them. Now the process is becoming more and more difficult—partly because of the enormously increased volume of waste which is drastically overtaxing nature's system, partly because modern waste from homes, industry and agriculture alike contains man-made chemicals that are wholly unaffected by nature's cleansing agents or any others so far invented.

What is being done about it?

In Cincinnati at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, scientists in the Advance Waste Treatment Research Program of the U.S. Public Health Service have been working for the past five years to find newer, more efficacious methods of making used water safely usable. In Corvallis, Ore., Ada, Okla., and Athens, Ga., by the end of this year, three new laboratories will have been completed—the first of nine scheduled to be built at strategic points throughout the country as part of the Federal Government's water pollution control program.

Industry, too, is making efforts to reduce water pollution. By the end of this month the entire detergent industry will be fully converted to the new "LAS-based" products which will lessen the foam that has been coming out of some people's faucets. Actually, the foaming ingredient in detergents—harmless, as far as anyone knows—is a very small percentage of the substances that are polluting water today, and the fact that you can see the foam has served as a helpful indicator that the water was not 100 per cent pure. Nevertheless, the detergent industry is to be commended for its sense of responsibility toward the public good. Other industries, as represented by large individual plants in many communities, have been slower to accept their share of the blame for causing pollution—and of the burden of correcting it.

But the battle for clean water is not to be won by hunting down the villains and shooting them dead. In this case, we are all villains [illegible]. We should none of us care to turn the clock back. So we must [illegible] situation that faces us.

One of the amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control [illegible] have passed the Senate and will soon be [illegible] up Federal water quality standards for [illegible] to be administered by the individual state[illegible] your community. H&G urges you to become [illegible] water pollution problem and to give your active support to [illegible] attempt to solve it. Surgeon General Terry has convinced [illegible] going to do something about the pollution of the water, or [illegible] to drown in it." And with Georgie Quacker, the [illegible] County Commissioners of Georgia, H&G believes [illegible]

RUDY MÜLLER

SUMMER

Summer has no promises to make or keep, as spring and autumn have, yet of all the seasons it is the most special and the most prized. More people can do more things in summer, in more different ways, than in any other season. In summer there is no waiting, as there always seems to be in winter. In summer the whole world is bigger than life-size. The walls that surround you are farther apart, the floor is softer underfoot, the ceiling is higher above your head than at any other time. Summer is so special you cannot define it. About the best thing you can do with summer is make the most of it—up to the hilt.

DELIGHTS

Whatever people may say, there is more to enjoying summer than lying out in a hammock with a newspaper over your face. Of so special a season, only the most special delights are worthy. Those described on these and the next ten pages are as varied as summer clouds, but they have at least one important attribute in common: They all pertain to summer. They may exploit summer or ameliorate it or adorn it or tease it or dramatize it—but they are uniformly inspired by it. Some of these three dozen or more delights even try to capture summer, like a jinni in a bottle, for later use when summer will be long gone and far away. Which is not such a bad idea, summer being what it is.

Summery choice: to bask on a cushioned float or on a sunny pondside terrace, the cushions covered with bright beach towels and beach sheets. Designed by John and Earline Brice and one of a series of gay and imaginative settings created by members of the American Institute of Interior Designers at Long Island's Old Westbury Gardens.



Sunlit greens, to sight and to savor



MARGERIN

Sunlight filtered through green branches gives special light for a summer luncheon on Erica Lemle's in-and-out terrace, Hewlett Harbor, Long Island, N.Y.



BEADLE

Fresh herbs from plant to salad bowl in three seconds flat—summery trick for an all-year window.



COOK

During all twelve months of the year green is a color. Only in summer is it a natural condition and a state of mind besides. A frond of mimosa, a fount of chives, a sprig of parsley, a leafy print on a swag of cotton, the light falling across the kitchen stove—all these greens are a part of summer. Some are gone with the autumn, but some, either because of tricks of geographical latitude or simply by human contrivance, carry their summer effect through the year. Year-round summer may prove to be easier to achieve than you think.

GRIGSBY



Marble pool bordered by a green jungle, with all the comforts of home. By David Barrett for Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kraushar.



Leafy upholstery and curtains to make summer permanent (colors on mantel change with the seasons). Room designed by Angelo Donghia of Yale R. Burge.



Yellow and pale gold, silver and white with tussy-mussies of parsley to make all the difference. Tiffany & Co.





Order of the day—any day—in Hawaii: soup served in lacquered bowls on lacquered trays under the canopy of green that shades Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kimball's terrace in Honolulu.

Ariz.



MARGEIN

Fade-proof city garden room that need never go out of flower. By Dora Weiss for Mrs. Arthur Thomases, New York City.

Sweet ease, the end of summer's rainbow



A truly movable feast of shade for the Jack Warners' California terrace, where an orange awning slides on wires above a zebra rug. By Gwendolyn Rowan Warner.

ECKERT



Black and white in the shade sharpens the play of color roundabout Mr. and Mrs. Lowell S. Dillingham's Honolulu terrace. Landscape designed by Thomas Church.

STOY

On New York's Fire Island sands, designer David Barrett's easy all-purpose summer room, with a natural Rousseau at the window.

All play and no work is really, if the truth were told, everybody's ideal summertime goal. For the most slothful ease, the most rewarding relaxation, shade in the presence of sunlight is one important requisite. Refreshing patterns and textures are others. And color—not only the seasonal greens, but all color, as long as it suits its use and lifts the spirit of the beholder.



bright flowers. the lamps in summer's windows

It would be as great a mistake to assume that the legend of summer could live without flowers as to assume that flowers can make a summer. The affinity is natural and inescapable and incomparable. It does not seem to make much difference whether the flowers are real, in pots and vases, or simulated in fabric or suggested in light and shade, just as long as the use and representation are compatible with the loveliness of flowers themselves. Foliage in summer we may sometimes safely take for granted. But flowers, never.



Cosmos and lilac—an arrangement to bathe by.

DAVIS



A California patio crowded with potted geraniums; the banquettes covered with small cotton rugs.



A profusion of flowers to lounge in, backed by a lacquered wood screen copied from an old Venetian tile wall. Designed by Mallory-Tillis for Tiffany.



Terrace-side table of lapidary lollipops and flowery oddments.



Brilliant parade of sunflowers at the bedroom window of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Levy's house in Armonk, N.Y. Interior designer: Edward Benesch.



Wine-dark nosegay of zinnias, pinks and cosmos to accompany luncheon on the terrace.



Inspiration and mother-lode for summertime arrangements: the cutting garden of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beinecke, Great Barrington, Mass.



Rudbeckias and marigolds in white latticework pottery on a well-worn pine cupboard.



Petunias, by the armful, in sun or dappled shade.

Feasts and fine weather–and a toast to the season



Peach with ladybug, iced tea with mint.

RUDY MÜLLER



Children's party, with stuffed-animal favors standing in for the guests expected shortly. Designed by David Eugene Bell of Bloomingdale's, at Old Westbury Gardens.



Cushions for two, and a wondrous embroidered cloth spread for a minor feast.

FOTIADES



To light the feast: vegetable candles that come in cans pretty enough to hold the real vegetables.

GRIGGS



For a picnic afloat: chairs, trays, plastic dishes, all unsinkable, practically indestructible.

Some call them parties, some picnics. But above all and by whatever name, they must be not only appetizing, but planned with imagination and set with a flair. Inventiveness, freshness, gaiety, all to be achieved merely for the caring, are the real touchstones.

The best excuse for a gardenside tea table: waning summer light on the roses. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roth's garden on Shelter Island, N. Y.
For shopping information, see page 181



Inspired fantasy, carried off with a flourish

Not just one flower, perhaps, nor one swallow, but one playful conceit can make a summer. There are no rules, no reliable precedents, no body of knowledge to chart the way, no recourse except "to trust the soul's invincible surmise." If any proof were needed that man's antic spirit is undimmed and undiminished in the face of summer's challenge, here are ten citations. Each one of them is, in Emily Dickinson's happy lines, "A something so transparent bright, I clap my hands to see."



t gingerbread, but iron—awaiting a calico cat?



Mother-of-pearl fountain in a painted grotto seen through a fool-the-eye summer house that is, from front to back, all of one inch thick. At Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.



Bordering a terrace: a row of columns salvaged from a demolition project. At edge of Mr. Leonard Ploeser's property, Malibu, Calif. Architect: Michael Morrison.



Once a cupola, always a dovecote. The Charles D. Webster garden, West Islip, L. I., N. Y.



"Oread, naiad, dryad"—or just cast-iron maiden in a sylvan brook.

SHULMAN



The glory that was Greece and about Mr. Wright Ludington's pool, Santa Barbara, Calif.



Nostalgic as childhood itself, a canopied sandbox trimmed with rope, drifted with roses, guarded by a turtle patient as stone. By Ruth L. Strauss; Old Westbury Gardens.



Bittersweet as a fresh lime — or as a remembered summer's day. Wrought-iron fantasy at "Cantigny," Wheaton, Ill.

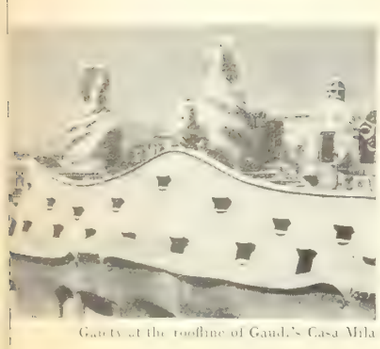
Weatherproof vinyl pavilion, (from the fields of Camelot?), its curtains vinyl lined. By John Elmo at Old Westbury Gardens.





THE RETURN OF PLAYFUL-NESS

BY ALBERT BUSH-BROWN



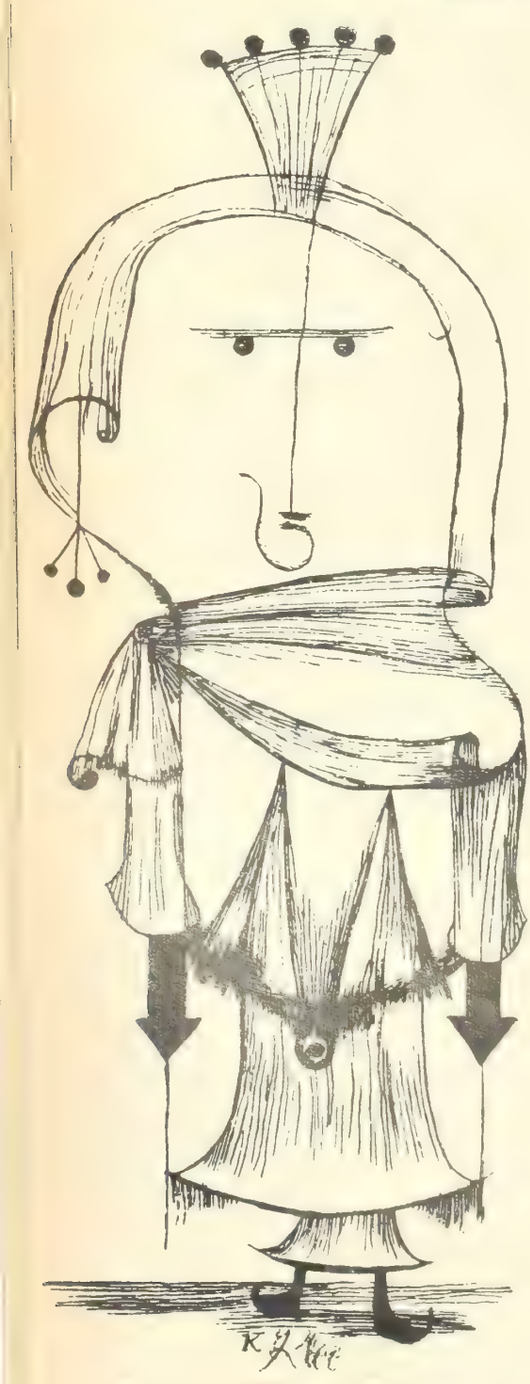
Gaiety at the rooftline of Gaudí's Casa Mila



Le Corbusier in Chandigarh



Grotesque gargoyles of Notre Dame leering at Paris



Paul Klee's witty "Witch with the Comb"

Dovecote and turret, fountain and gazebo: these have been vehicles of playfulness in design for centuries. They lent a gaiety that has been missing from the modern palette of serious steel and glass. But wit and mirth are irrepressible, and we now see attempts at their return, not only in accessories, like giant toys, delightful banners, hopscotch rugs, and wooden monkeys swinging comically in an arbor, but also in humorous furniture, such as the chair shaped like a lady's lap, the male torso that is literally a chest with drawers and the refrigerators covered with pop and op decoration.

Playfulness has a generosity about it. It is the high-keyed minor chord of color played through white against the major chord, all gilt or silver-edged. It is courtyards given to the sun. It is roofs capturing snow in fantasies of form. It is balconies cascading and swirling around a theatre. Such playfulness no more submits of serious inspection than does humor. Like humor, playfulness in design arises from context, and the isolating of it, to look at it closely, banishes it as quickly as children's laughter evaporates before a stern invasion. For, again like humor, playfulness is furtive. It is the sunlight flickering along the gilded ornament at the rococo church at Wies; it is the quick lance of the Lipizzaner's leap in the delightful equerry at Vienna. It thrives on spontaneity; it is the unexpected frolic of staircase, statues and lamps at the Paris Opéra where the chandeliers in the foyer, each a bubble of mirth, float in an exuberance that mocks chasteness and moderation and says, instead, "A little too much is just enough for me."

But that playful sentiment was not the tone of recent decades. "Less is more," said architect Mies van der Rohe. An esthetic dogma about the new architecture of sheerly functional parts—each steel, brick or glass member calibrated and clean—it was also an ethical dogma, a protestant stricture against exuberance in form or ornament. It came to dominate the architectural mood of the Fifties: Truth to materials—make brick look like brick, steel like steel—truth to function, truth to structure, truth to geometry: honest, in short; honest to each architectural mechanism except to man himself who has the manifold need for the comic as much as the noble, the gay as much as the serious. Coupled with the moral structure, at least during the bitter years of the Depression, was the belief that architects should be engaged in social reform through housing and urban planning. Later, high costs of land and labor placed a premium upon maximum commercial exploitation of each cubic foot of space a zoning envelope allowed for a tall building. Mies, himself, seldom failed to achieve a sophisticated palette of moods. He set onyx beside chrome steel, poised Kolbe's sprightly dancer over a reflecting pool, brought a noble room to life by a playful Klee drawing, a happy Miró tapestry. But even Mies, in association with Philip Johnson, has lived to see their splendid Seagram Tower taxed for the land it does not occupy, for the air and sunlight it does not covet, but rather gives as a park to New York



Fountains to surprise guests at Schloss Hellbrunn Palace, Salzbur



The Marc Chagall ceiling, resplendent in the Opéra in Paris



Iridescent and translucent flower-shaped Favrile vase



Neo-Windsor chair by Hans Wegner

City. The City has declared itself for revenue, at all costs and above any relief, even a gesture so generous and playful as Seagram's fountains. When the economic stricture and the social stricture and the moral stricture are all saying the same thing—sobriety—there is no place left for a designer to gambol. Now, in an affluent age, the social and moral missions have succumbed to the economic one, and the resulting oppression is visible along commercial Park Avenue every day.

Not much architecture, in fact, has ever been playful. Architecture tends, rather, to strike the collective chords of a more somber tone. Architectural forms arrive not so much from whimsey and play as from serious needs, especially for shelter and for symbol. A social art, architecture responds to those longings and moods that last longer than gaiety, longer than laughter. The very genesis of public architecture—that a powerful sector of society must want it, conceive it, finance it and erect it—condemns all but the most private and personal buildings to a sober countenance. There have not been many playful societies. Fragonard and Watteau give us glimpses of one in their paintings of the French eighteenth century. Watteau's courtiers and ladies embark upon a voyage to Cythera, that mythical rococo island of everlasting mirth, youth and dalliance; they entertained that dream even while less playful countrymen mounted the Revolution, not to reach Cythera, but to win the hard facts of freedom. No, not much design has been playful because not many societies have been playful; at any rate, not for long.

But, at all times and in all societies, there have been personal moments of gaiety, not merely in a frolicsome house, but in cathedrals, too (where a gargoyle leers over Paris, where a monk's seat reveals his carving of a drollery or two), and in palaces such as the Hellbrunn Palace near Salzburg, where surprise fountains splash the guest, the Petit Hameau of Versailles, where Marie Antoinette played at shepherdess, or Hampton Court, where children lose themselves in a maze.



Rococo boxes in the exquisite Cuvilliés Theatre in Munich

One thing playfulness is not. It is not typical of the striving, moralistic middle class, where gaiety succumbs to workaday guilt about being frivolous, or becomes common and vulgar, as Adriäen Brouwer shows in his seventeenth-century scenes in Dutch taverns. Playfulness may be the charm of occasional primitive and peasant design, but it is, after all, a sophisticated and witty pastime, and it relishes the villas, resorts and town houses of the urbane. Perhaps a rococo, perhaps a Victorian gothic setting might have done as well for "Gigi," but it was the *Art Nouveau* of Paris that provided the right touch of playfulness, both modish and flirting, even saucy.

For playfulness is affluent and eccentric. It is the garden between Bourton-on-the-Wold and Snow's Hill near Chipping Campden and Morton-on-the-Marsh, a garden delightful in color and shape and made the more delightful by trellises, pavilions and statues in red, blue and gold, set around a pond where the owner sails his galleons in mock battle, the English against the French. He is totally oblivious of all else until, the battle ended, he looks up to find a total stranger, to whom he announces, "The French won. It's the first time they've won in years."

Or, again in England, but nearer Chipping Campden, playfulness is a wine cellar made by a gentleman with his own hands during holidays out of London. It sparkles with the light admitted through bottles he cast into the concrete dome, while, outside, his concrete beam bears the decorative print of fig, grape, burdock and cabbage leaves he affixed inside the wooden form into which the concrete was poured.

A plea for playfulness readily runs into trouble. It is so easily misconstrued as a license for setting walls, ceilings and floors askew. It is so easily abused as an excuse to display anything bizarre, like crude African masks against a pristine, white wall, even though most of the masks are modern lures for tourists, not repellents for evil spirits. In any case, the startling effect intended by the contrast of the crude and primitive against the refined and civilized has long since been reduced by its ubiquity to a yawning banality. Worse yet, a plea for playfulness sometimes leads to downright childishness—not children's painting, which frequently has an honesty and innocence and spontaneity that makes it jump right off the wall, especially when it is tacked up in the kitchen among tear sheets of slick advertisements—but childishness of the sort that scatters knickknacks and toys all around, as in the recent craze for old postcards, boldly patterned clay animals, gargantuan stuffed animals, mechanical toys and rag dolls. The epitome of misunderstood playfulness arrives with a juvenile insistence upon forcing attention to the "unmentionables"—a toilet seat used as a door knocker, for instance. An executive conference table (*Continued on page 134*)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Bush-Brown is president of Rhode Island School of Design where students are encouraged to experiment with expressions of design, including fantasy, and several members of the brilliant young faculty are engaged in projects directly related to the theme of this essay.







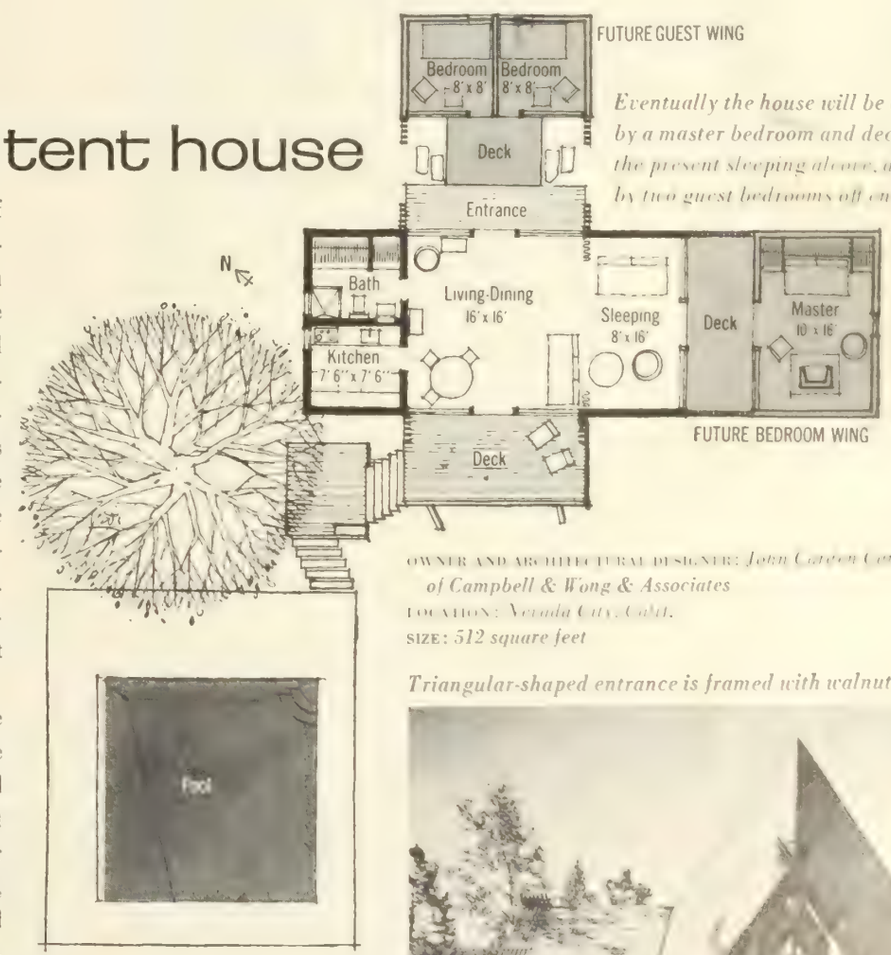
2 houses for busmen's holidays

Everyone has dreamed at one time or another of living in a not-quite-down-to-earth house—a tower, a tree house, a gypsy caravan, a houseboat. But for day-in day-out living, practicality is usually what we settle for. One chance for escape and experiment, however, is the house you live in only for short spells—weekends or summers. Here are two such holiday houses born of romantic whims—one a tent house in the woods, the other a hilltop cabin with sea breezes playing right through its center. With their exciting nonworkaday designs, the two houses inspire their talented owners to creative weekends devoted to painting, writing, designing, weaving, planning. Yet the houses are also simplicity incarnate—two wonderful escape hatches from weekday life that pare down the mechanics of living and at the same time serve as a stimulating tonic for the spirit.

1 A woodland tent house

Glimpsed from a distance in its glade of trees, the weekend house of architectural designer John Carden Campbell reminds you of an Indian tepee. Situated just outside Nevada City, Calif., a picturesque old Gold Rush town about 120 miles from San Francisco, the house is Mr. Campbell's headquarters for half-a-dozen creative projects he never has time for in the city. To provide a contrast to his Monday-to-Friday life, he wanted a vacation house that would be extremely simple and closely linked to nature, and it was this aim that inspired him to design the extraordinary tentlike shape that seems to be all roof and no walls.

The whole house is perched off the ground on a platform supported on concrete footings. You enter through an A-shaped opening, *far right*, that looks straight through the heart of the house to a similar A-shaped opening at the back. Once inside, you realize that what looks like a pyramid roof from the outside is actually an ingenious construction that forms both ceiling and walls. The pyramid is com- (*Continued*)



Eventually the house will be extended: by a master bedroom and deck off the present sleeping alcove, and by two guest bedrooms off entrance deck.

OWNER AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER: *John Carden Campbell of Campbell & Wong & Associates*
LOCATION: *Nevada City, Calif.*
SIZE: *512 square feet*

Triangular-shaped entrance is framed with walnut-stained lattice.



From the deck at back of house, steps lead to pool framed in black-stained concrete.



Victorian window panel of beveled and textured glass is hung as an objet d'art in front of the triangular window of the sleeping alcove. Three sets of curtains made like tent flaps control light and privacy—two at the window, one at the entrance.



During the day, the first layer of curtains—white mosquito netting—softly diffuses the light. For privacy at night, blue denim tent flaps unroll down and across the window.



A second set of denim flaps at entrance to the alcove creates total darkness for sleeping.

MICKEY EAER

Ingenious construction held down the cost

posed of four diamond-shaped facets joined at the top to create a 24-foot peaked ceiling. The bottom points of the diamonds rest on the floor of the house, leaving four triangular spaces at the base. On two opposite sides of the house these triangles form entrances. On the other two sides, the triangles lead to little wings—one, a sleeping alcove, the other, divided in half into a kitchen and bath. Both wings have peaked roofs that slope straight from ridgepole to floor.

This extremely simple construction helped tremendously to cut costs since there was no need to build either walls or separate roof supports. Both the diamond-faceted center and the triangular wings are shingled on the outside from top to toe with cedar shingles that eventually will weather to silvery gray.

Mr. Campbell has emphasized the tent-like character of the house by his choice of furnishings: beds composed of mattresses on castered box springs, folding chairs and camp stools, low tables, rattan lounge chairs, shaggy rugs, curtains made like tent flaps. His aim was to keep everything low and uncluttered to stress the great peak of the ceiling and give the interior the flavor of an artist's studio—which is exactly the role the house plays a great deal of the time. Away from the pressures of the city and office, Mr. Campbell does some writing here and experiments with design ideas he can no more than doodle up during the week. Presently he is dreaming up plans for building guest houses on the rest of his 3-acre property. On these country weekends he also experiments with some cooking and as a contrast to his other pursuits, he loves to make things with his hands. Currently in the works: converting and painting an old wardrobe trunk so it can be used as a guest coat closet standing beside the front door.

OPPOSITE PAGE:
Huge cylinders of painted cloth on bamboo frames that once hung in an East Indian temple are suspended in the central core of the house to emphasize lofty peak of ceiling.









Built on a hilltop, the house is air-cooled by nature via a breezeway that catches all prevailing winds.

2 A breezy hilltop lookout

When summer in New York City gets too oppressive for architect Olav Hammarstrom and his wife, fabric designer Marianne Strengell, they pack up whatever projects they are currently working on, climb into their car and hie themselves, their two college-age children and their work to their enchanted vacation retreat near Wellfleet on Cape Cod, Mass. Both ardent lovers of nature as well as industrious workers in their respective professions, the Hammarstroms have created an ambiance for themselves on the Cape which they always find refreshing whether they want to work or relax.

On a beautiful, semi-wild tract thickly wooded with pines, scrub oaks and rambling bushes of cranberries, blueberries and huckleberries, they have built two houses. The larger one, reserved for sleeping, eating, entertaining, stands on the summit of a low hill overlooking the sea. At the foot of the hill is a second, smaller house—an entirely separate, secluded headquarters for work. Family and guests park their cars at the foot of the hill (*Continued*)

Living room, LEFT, *filled with hand-woven fabrics and rugs is inviting spot for evening gatherings. Since it opens right onto the breezeway,* BELOW, *it is as cool, yet as sheltered, as a porch. Dominating the end wall: Ethel Edwards' "Hooded Figure."*



Inventive ideas make living easy

near this second house and climb flagstone steps to the main house. Like Mr. Campbell (see page 119), the Hammarstroms wanted their weekend house to look utterly natural in its wooded surroundings and be a cinch to care for. Built of weathered spruce boards, it is a simple, flat-topped structure consisting of two separate wings linked by a flagstoned breezeway that doubles as an indoor-outdoor terrace. One wing contains bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen. The other, raised a few feet off the ground on posts, consists entirely of the living room—a wonderful 23½ foot sweep of space walled with glass panels on one side to frame a view of the sea and sand dunes. Living room and breezeway flow together as a continuous air-cooled space, but on cold or rainy days the breezeway can be closed off at each end with heavy barn doors that pull across on tracks. In both wings, everything has been kept as simple and spare as possible. The furniture, all of it designed by Mr. Hammarstrom, is in many cases built in: beds and sofas are on platforms, writing and dressing table ledges are tucked in below window sills in the bedrooms. The kitchen is arranged like a ship's galley with everything lined up along one wall. But every room bounces with the wonderful intense colors of the rugs and fabrics Mrs. Hammarstrom designed and made especially to give the little house its exciting spirit. (For details of the studio, see page 172.)



Flagstone floor of breezeway extends into living room to form hearth for fireplace. Grate is merely two pieces of corrugated asbestos board, easy to remove with ashes.



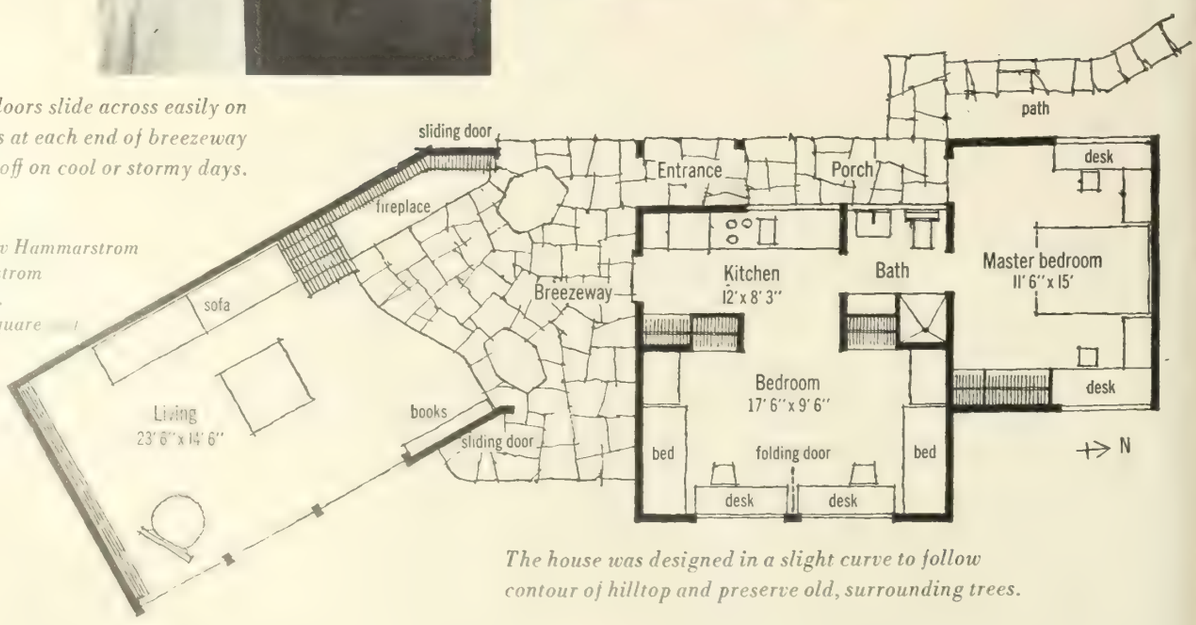
Heavy barn doors slide across easily on tracks at each end of breezeway to close it off on cool or stormy days.



EZRA STOLLER

Living room is ventilated by the simplest method—a grid in the floor that is closed off when necessary by pulling across a long narrow hand-woven rug.

OWNERS: *Mr. and Mrs. Olav Hammarstrom*
ARCHITECT: *Olàv Hammarstrom*
LOCATION: *Wellfleet, Mass.*
SIZE: *Approximately 900 square feet studio-guest house 435 square feet*



The house was designed in a slight curve to follow contour of hilltop and preserve old, surrounding trees.

Double children's room, ABOVE, *can be closed off from kitchen by pulling the closet doors across the opening. (They slide on tracks.) The room itself can be divided,* RIGHT, *by a folding wall set between windows. In the master bedroom,* FAR RIGHT, *simple built-in furniture is enriched by a striped fluffy mohair cover woven by Mrs. Hammarstrom that doubles as both bedspread and blanket.*





THE ART OF CREATING

Fruit fantasies

Art can never resist improving on nature, even when nature presents a singularly attractive package. For a lively example, witness the dessert platters, *opposite page*, where fresh fruit—already ornamental in shape and color—is cut and arranged to counterfeit the forms of flowers and beasts. Pretty, amusing samples of the Thai art of food presentation, these fanciful platters were created for H&G by Miss Turb Xoomsai, an expert in the technique. Like the vegetable fantasies she made for our August, 1964 issue, Miss Xoomsai's fruit conceits require only a few easy-to-master tricks and a lively imagination. Since many fruits discolor rapidly when they are peeled, however, there is an extra step in their preparation. Any fruit with this regrettable tendency (apples, pears, peaches and bananas are among the worst offenders) should be put in a bowl of salted water as soon as it is peeled, left for about twenty minutes, rinsed and drained on paper toweling before it is placed in an arrangement. Prepared in this way, arrangements will keep in perfect condition for hours, and the salt, mysteriously, has no effect at all on the taste. The extra preparation time is well spent, because the fruit comes to the table ready to eat and pretty to look at.

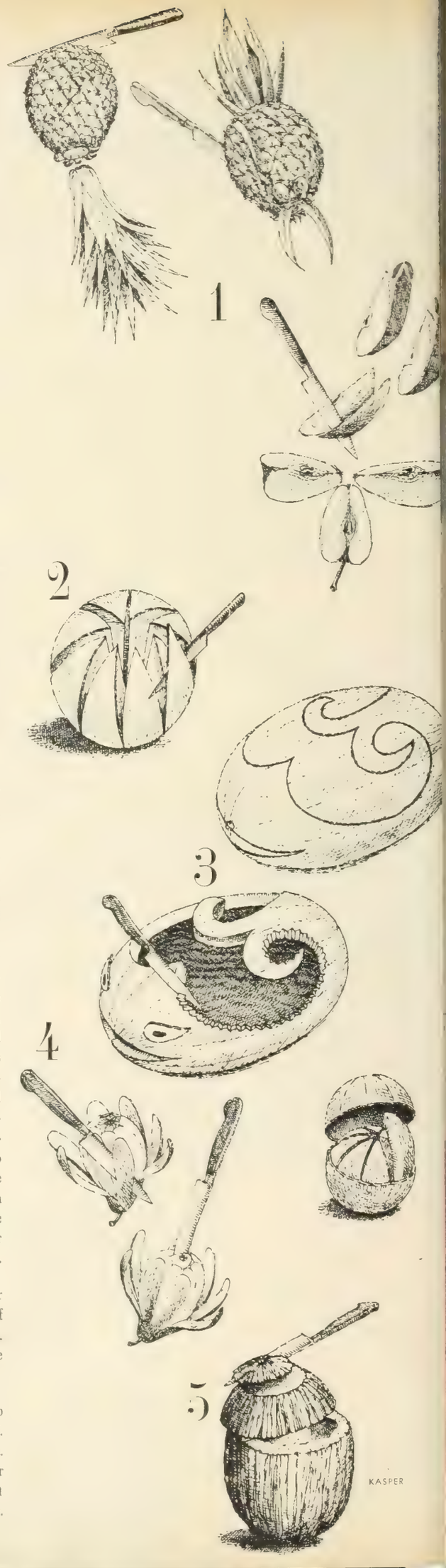
1. A Brobdingnagian bee, carved from a shapely pineapple, reigns over a varied array of remodeled fruit. To make: Select a pineapple with a good top and cut off the long center leaves. Cut out a wedge at the stem end and insert a handful of leaves. Cut oval wings at each side and prop open with a piece of cucumber. Cut and lift out a section of pineapple rind behind the wings large enough to allow you to remove the flesh. Chop flesh in bite-size pieces, put it back in the pineapple and replace the section. Finish off with grapes for eyes and two leaves for antennae. Around the bee: saucy fruit flies with bodies made from halved grapes and apple or cucumber wings; piles of grapes, strawberries and tangerine sections; slices of peeled papaya; melon balls with stems of cucumber peel, masquerading as cherries; oranges, peeled, halved and skinned; and a variety of flowers fashioned of apples. To make the petals, cut an apple in eighths, cut a slice under the skin three-quarters the length of each section, slice off seeds, shape tips of skin layer and gently lift.

2. A honeydew melon metamorphosed into a pale green lotus makes a splendidly decorative dessert that breaks apart at a touch into eight perfect portions. First slice a little off the bottom of the melon so that it will stand upright, then cut it in eighths lengthwise to an inch from the bottom. Gently separate sections and remove seeds from center with a spoon. Cut the rind away from the flesh and pull out. If the petals don't relax enough, put a tiny wedge between rind and flesh.

3. A smiling whale aground on a meadow of edible flowers couldn't fail to captivate the most dessert-shy guest. To form this whimsical beast from a suitably shapely watermelon, first draw your design on the rind with a grease pencil. Cut along the lines with a sharp knife, removing the rind in small pieces. Don't hesitate to cut deep. Undercut tail and edges to remove flesh and finish by notching the cut edges. Cut eyes from leftover rind and pin in place. Scoop out flesh with a melon-ball cutter, tidy up the cavity, and put back the melon balls, alone or mixed with grapes or berries. Most of the flowers of the field, like those in platter 1, are composed of rosy-cheeked apple slices and halved, peeled and skinned oranges. The additions: a pear fringed with delicate green-skin petals cut vertically from blossom to stem end (the core is scooped out with the point of a knife and the cavity filled with tiny carrot strips for stamens); tangerine sections clustered to form a fat butterfly or packed like buds in halved tangerine shell.

4. An exotic bouquet for the palate—and for the eye: individual dessert composed of green-apple buds, a tiny bunch of grapes, half an orange, papaya slices and a red-apple tulip, all nestled in a white ceramic leaf.

5. Self-serving dessert: melon balls dished up in a compote made from the melon itself. Cut off a third of the melon to make the base. Slice off the very top of this and a similar amount from the bottom of the melon. Put scooped-out shell on base, behold compote.





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HOW TO LIVE WITH ANTIQUES AND LOVE THEM

Halos, becoming as they are to saintly folk, should never be bestowed on antique furniture. Yet such veneration is not uncommon. People with an inordinate respect for old cabinetry, old rugs and old bibelots often seem to live for their possessions rather than with them. Their houses are pervaded with a kind of sepulchral hush that takes half the joy out of owning something rare and beautiful and leaves only a nervous pride of possession, a clutch of chattels and a blend of the odors of sanctity and furniture polish.

Many collectors forget, too, that the only place to put an antique on display is in a museum. In its heyday, a good highboy was designed for storage, and—however luscious its patina—should still be made to earn its keep. (If its drawers don't slide, have them repaired.) Nor does an antique necessarily require past-century background. Many people who love old furniture pass it by because they do not live in houses full of paneling, pilasters and brocaded walls. More's the pity, because you can live almost anywhere at all and enjoy antiques—as you will find in the series of rooms beginning on the opposite page in which four different families live in a thoroughly contemporary manner. The backgrounds range from austere to amusing—each of them a setting for varied collections of antiques, beloved, but certainly not enshrined. Complemented with companions of vastly different genre, the furniture is not only handled with great freedom, but lived with and used with the greatest of pleasure and what amounts to "old-shoe" familiarity.

MEDITERRANEAN EXUBERANCE IN AN AUSTERE SHELL

Few houses illustrate better than this one the gratifying truth that a contemporary background can enhance fine antiques. The home of a South American diplomat, his wife and three small children, it is an old town house, gutted and opened up into a soaring flow of space by designers Paul Lester Wiener and Ala Damaz. And its austere elegance only amplifies the richness of a wide-ranging collection of old French, Italian, Spanish and oriental furniture. In the dining room, *opposite page*, for instance, a huge Chinese screen, jeweled like an empress with jade and coral, seems all the more radiant for the simplicity of the pale walls. Dramatically silhouetted against their whiteness are the sculptured draperies of a benign Korean goddess and the lush carving of Spanish chairs grouped around an Italian table. It can seat twelve, and since entertaining is a facet of diplomacy, often does. (*Continued*)

REENS









From the dining room on the top level, *right*, you descend a spiral staircase of lacquered steel spanning a wall-to-wall well that cleaves the house exactly in two. On the living room landing at mid-level you are offered a tripartite prospect: first, framed by the curving baluster, a vignette, *above*, of two French chairs and a table in the library below you; then, a floor-level view of the Spanish, Italian and oriental treasures in the dining room; finally, when you turn about-face, the living room. Although diverse in mood, the three rooms have the same catalytic background—the smooth white walls that make the house such a flattering shell for antiques. But from level to level, the ambiance, created almost entirely by the choice of antiques, changes very subtly from the atmosphere of quiet withdrawal in the library to the elegance and comfort of the living room and finally to the drama and exoticism of the dining room. Nowhere is there any clutter. Since the house is the scene of two diplomatic receptions a week for thirty to sixty people, diplomatic elbowroom is a must. (*Continued*)





FEENS

True Latins, the family especially loves French furniture, and in their globe-spanning travels, search for it constantly not only in France, but everywhere from Portugal to Hong Kong. In the library, *above*, a quiet room warmed by books, most of the furniture is concentrated in one corner—on non-entertaining nights, the family sitting room. In the hall around the corner, the mood is livelier: a provocative display of pre-Columbian figures (the oldest objects in the house) on modern shelves over modern cabinets—one of them a bar. Upstairs in the living room, *opposite page*, a twentieth-century magnum of comfort is hidden under the velvet of two contemporary sofas—a nice alternative to sitting up straight in the four beautiful Louis XV fauteuils. Behind one sofa towers a Chinese Chippendale secretary (one of the few English pieces in the house), but the coffee table is a glass-topped design by the contemporary architect, Mies van der Rohe—a choice prompted by the conviction that a rug as pretty as an Aubusson should never be obscured by anything opaque. (*Continued*)





AN ENGLISH COLLECTION· UPDATED

Usefulness, in an antiquarian's vocabulary, is a word that comes rarely to mind. But it came very quickly to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coan when faced with culling the likeliest of the English furniture in their sizable house and moving it into new context in a three-room apartment. So rather like shoppers, with interior designer David Barrett their mentor, they chose with one eye on scale, the other on practicability.

To welcome the antiques, the new living-dining room, *left*, was paneled in wormy chestnut and its windows masked with French doors. (The anonymous starkness of a modern apartment is quite different from the designed simplicity of a remodeled house.) A delicate Sheraton sideboard, Regency chairs and a table from Provençal were chosen for the dining corner because they happened to fit it like a glove. To make a little reading spot, a Regency armchair was partnered with a wine cooler that still cools wine as well as supporting a needed lamp. New sofas and a few elegant but utile treasures (armchairs, a desk) filled the rest of the room.

The apartment's two bedrooms were knocked into one, *right*, *top* and *bottom*, and two old but svelte four-posters caparisoned to the ceiling in up-to-date urbanity. With English country life flourishing in the living room, the Coans felt a dashing bedroom was in order, hence the black and white ticking on walls and a floor stained ruby red. (*Continued*)







VICTORIANA: A WITTY PARODY

Taking full advantage of the good points of Victorian furniture, yet gently spoofing the ornate excesses of the period, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ellis, a theatrical producer and his wife, enjoy a city *pied-à-terre* as witty as an epigram. The inheritance of a collection of Victoriana—much of it by Belter, the great New York cabinetmaker—was the springboard for a setting designed by Charles Lamar.

In the foyer, *opposite page*, three Belter chairs show off their graceful lines in a room as lively as anything in the Brighton Pavilion, but a lot easier to keep clean. The walls' painted stripes are quite scrubbable. A wallpaper border, out of fingerprint reach, circles the room with cabbage roses; an inverted Tiffany glass lampshade, flowery as a parasol, hangs from the ceiling. As a final caper, an elaborate see-through swagging of ropes was hung in the living room doorway.

In the "parlor," *right, top* and *bottom*, more Belter chairs and a footstool out of a set for "Candida" are grouped with a tufted velvet sofa that looks of the period, but is not. It opens out to sleep two. Extravagant but practical, the windows are dressed to the teeth with lace and slipper satin, ropes and tassels—all treated for soil resistance. Drollest spoof of all: two antique portraits of indifferent artistry with repainted faces—the eminent Victorians' features are those of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis.

(*Continued*)







TOM YEE

A WORLDLY APPROACH TO AMERICANA

Soft colors and an elegance usually associated with antiques of greater sophistication are the earmarks of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave L. Levy's Colonial house in Armonk, N. Y. Neither the Levys nor their interior designer, Edward Benesch, share the view that Early American furniture is most appealing when presented in homespun fashion amid barn reds, pegged planking and calico. Instead, a color scheme of putty, beige, white and black (subtle, contemporary and a far cry from silo red) flows from living room, *right*, into dining room, *above*. Although most of the furniture is of pine, much of it has been painted off-white, beige or black, a disregard of tradition justified by the consequent lack of monotony. Both rooms are dashingly accented by the same motif: an extravagant Persian "pear" that appears in the living room's Paisley patterned upholstery, then—blown up with true swashbuckling dash—in the dining room rug.



How to escape the serviceman

Shorn of its deceptively simple porcelain garb, any major appliance is apt to look like so much electronic spaghetti. The serviceman who can analyze and put that mystifying tangle into working order surely deserves our accolades. But all too often, when he finally arrives at the door, he receives only our wrath. And for good reason: for endless hours, often days, sometimes weeks, we've been left waiting at the gate (unhinged) for a serviceman who does not keep appointments. Bereft of a working washer, we have had to delay taking the baby's laundry to the nearest Laundromat. We have called off sessions with doctor and dentist and put off marketing until we face that frantic choice between leaving the house unattended or not getting to the store in time. The final prick: When the serviceman at last appears, he is just as likely as not to lack either the necessary appliance parts or the know-how.

On the chance that someone may crave accurate data about the appliance owner's lot in mid-century, I have been collecting Stories Housewives Tell about servicing. But I find that the appliance manufacturers can match each of these ghastly tales, woe for woe, and wrath for wrath.

William Shakespeare, for all his ineptness, managed to hit the nail on the head when he said, "It's not all black and white, even when things look blackest." (William Shakespeare was a handyman we had once.) Perhaps our unwillingness to recognize the shadings in the appliance servicing picture has been unfair. As a program for solving our mutual problems, perhaps we should first let the manufacturers and dealers cry on our shoulders, listen to what they are doing to improve matters, then blend their recommendations with those of experience hardened appliance owners.

The appliance makers' story

How many service calls are prompted by the customer's own misdemeanors? One company estimates 30 to 50 per cent. A dealer, for instance, tells the sad tale of a customer who called him in a rage a week after he had installed her range. "She said the stove was no good, the oven door fell off. We investigated and learned that her cook had stood on the door to reach a shelf overhead."

Other dealers say we'd be surprised how many people don't know that an air conditioner has a filter which must be changed periodically. Or how many times women push more than 10 pounds of laundry into a washer. In fact, they say a majority of all home laundry machine problems come from overloading.

According to one company's spokesman 10 per cent of all service calls are *wholly* unnecessary. He is convinced that many homemakers are resigned to the fact that they know nothing about anything mechanical, electrical or gas-driven, and never will. But they've learned how to dial, so they phone for service without thinking twice, or even once. Result: Servicemen have been known to travel miles to handle an "emergency" job on a fully stocked freezer whose door wouldn't close—only to find it obstructed by a package.

"Let's say a refrigerator stops running," suggests one experienced dealer. "Does the housewife check to see if the fuse or wall outlet is to blame? No. She calls for immediate service on a motor that's in better shape than I am."

Some appliance customers have been indicted as plain ornery: one systematic company finds it expedient to arm its servicemen with special forms on which to note when parts are replaced "for reasons other than malfunction"—i.e., when the customer insists on a new thingamajig even after the serviceman has explained that the old one was performing satisfactorily.

To sum up, here is where the manufacturers and dealers figure we are at fault: We fail to learn what a machine can and cannot do. We fail to read manuals. We lose manuals. We don't know model numbers. We become overly concerned about unidentifiable noises (booklets that come with appliances now apprise us that certain clicks, pauses and vibrations are *normal*). The manufacturers' advice: Read those manuals thoroughly; keep them handy for quick reference. Have a demonstration when an appliance is installed. Give equipment reasonable care. If a machine "appears to have stopped operating" (a euphuism employed in one booklet), *make simple tests before calling for appliance servicing.* (Many tests are listed in the booklets.) If the appliance *still* gives trouble, write down its model number, call the service company and describe symptoms as accurately as possible.

Certainly this is not too much to ask of us. The one difficulty may be finding that model number. In a recent bending, bobbing and stretching tour through an appliance department, I found that some models' plates are still virtually inaccessible. One refrigerator-freezer, the very model of a model major appliance, had its number plate deviously placed deep inside the main storage section, so that the interior light glinted nicely on the metal, almost blotting out the numbers. The thought of having to check that when the refrigerator was cold and loaded was certainly sobering.

We can readily understand that preventable calls must irk servicemen and usurp their time unfairly. And we can take due precaution to lighten their load. But what about the majority of service calls that are *not* our fault? At this moment, through no wrongdoing of their own, hundreds of housewives are no doubt mopping up floors flooded by washers and dishwashers, or forcibly restraining their infuriated husbands from placing a midnight call to the president of the appliance company.

What are the manufacturers doing to eliminate servicing nightmares like the following which were actually experienced by innocent people in broad daylight?

The appliance owners' stories

Case 1: Mrs. T had carefully followed the path clearly marked for

syndrome

BY EDITH SONN OSHIN

Carefree Living, but somehow she landed in Disaster. She had bought her appliances through the widely advertised kitchen planner who remodeled her kitchen. As soon as her new washer-dryer was installed, she arranged to have a demonstrator come, and together they went through the manual. Mrs. T pushed the Hot button, the tub filled with water, and, at the proper moment, the demonstrator inserted a measuring stick to check its depth. She found it deep enough, but stone cold. Turned out the appliance had been hooked up wrong. After a short two weeks, the installation job was corrected, the demonstrator returned, and this time she watched a bedspread go through the wash and rinse cycles. She estimated the spread would be dry in an hour, and foreseeing no obstacle to a happy outcome, she left. Two hours later, the machine was still operating. Mrs. T turned it off, discovered the spread was still as wet and cold as a clipped poodle left out in the rain. Two more dryerless weeks before that difficulty was resolved.

Shortly thereafter the washer door began to leak—about 90 per cent of the time. The day the serviceman chose to investigate, however, happened to be one of the 10 per cent days. But Mrs. T's drive for efficiency was exhausted. Now whenever she wants to operate the machine, she first puts towels on the floor.

Case 2: The following notes are taken from memos jotted down between November, 1963 and March, 1965 by Mrs. B, a busy woman executive.

November, 1963: Kitchen in new apartment is installed. All in white. Lovely. By mistake, refrigerator came with gray door. Ordered a new white panel.

December 1: Moving in on the 6th. Have already packed three barrels of china and glassware. What a wonderful opportunity to launch the new dishwasher.

December 6: Stacked new dishwasher as directed. It didn't work. Was told it had been "installed but not adjusted." Servicing outfit promises to come Thursday.

December 7: Unpacked and washed, by hand, eight barrels of china and glassware.

Thursday, December 12: Thankful Mary was able to rearrange her day off. She arrived. I left for office. Serviceman did not arrive. Several phone calls from Mary to me to Service. Serviceman definitely promised for next Thursday. Will have to ask Mary to rearrange her life again.

Thursdays, December 19, and 26, January 2, 9 and 16: See above.

January 23, 1964: Serviceman came. Fixed dishwasher's trouble in no time at all.

February 1964: White panel for refrigerator arrived. Workmen knocked a hole the size of a quarter into inner panel of door. They fixed it with Kleenex and Scotch tape. Ordering another panel.

March 8, 1965: After a year and four months, the new refrigerator panel finally arrived. It too is cracked. Must start all over again.

Case 3: Mr. C bought a dishwasher from the X company. He'll never do that again for all the china in teacups, he screams. Seems he had to call its service department one-two-three-four-five times over a period of one-two-three years. The company sent a different man each time. Each installed a different motor and never solved the problem. Mr. C has bought another machine from another maker, is now doggedly starting over again.

The manufacturers' answer to our cries for help

The appliance makers assure us they do care about our troubles, and they are trying to do something about them. For instance:

- They have assigned engineers to do the job of simplifying or eliminating those appliance parts which have most frequently required servicing. (One manufacturer claims correction at the factory has reduced service calls on various appliances by 30 to 72 per cent respectively.)
- They have installed electronically controlled ordering systems to speed shipment of replacement parts, and devised electronic analyzers to help servicemen diagnose many difficulties in less than half the usual time. (But electronic age or no, they still quaintly refer to appliance owners as "milady.")
- They distribute batches of literature to dealers, promoting the importance of good servicing. They publish detailed home-study manuals to help beleaguered servicemen and office crews understand homemakers as well as machines. They provide training films, and conduct training sessions and seminars.
- They have urged dealers to install mobile communication systems in repairmen's trucks so they can relay messages and give us same-day emergency service (and, just perhaps to let us know when they can*not* come on schedule?).

Judging from the serviceman image found in manufacturers' literature, the next one who comes to our door may well be an ex-Boy Scout who has matured into a combination psychologist, social worker, engineer and surgeon—a paragon who remembers to reset every electric clock in the house if he has had to turn off the current before fixing the ailing appliance.

Oh, happy, happy millennium!

But the homemakers' image of the serviceman does not quite coincide. Perhaps the manufacturers' messages have not reached all the troops in the field. Or perhaps (Continued on page 102)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Oshin, former newspaper woman, current suburbanite and the mother of three sons aged 10, 12½ and 15, confesses that waiting for the serviceman is a somewhat less panicky proposition now that all the boys are well along in school. "It is when you are under the pressure of having one child in diapers, one in kindergarten and one in the second grade," she says, "that a disruption of your tight schedule becomes a real calamity."

THE BIG CHANGE IN PORCHES

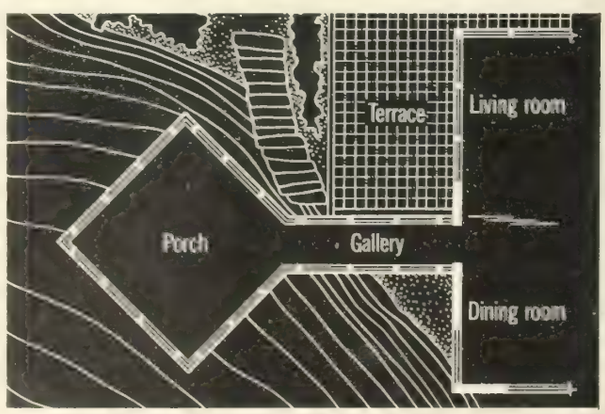
For centuries, the word *porch* had a single, simple definition: a covered entrance that projected from one wall of a building, whether the building was a Roman basilica, a Gothic church, a Greek Revival house or an early twentieth-century bungalow. Today, that limited concept has exploded. The new porches—more varied in design and construction, more versatile and satisfying in use, and far easier to keep shipshape—have retained, consistently, only one element of the traditional definition: the covering roof. Far from being an entrance to the house (even a back or side entrance), today's porch may be wholly inaccessible except from indoors. It may still project from the house, but without sharing a common wall. Or it may not project at all, but be recessed within the perimeter of the building. Today's porch, like the traditional porch, may be designed as an integral part of the house, or it may be an attractive appendage composed of quite different materials—for instance, canvas and steel.

What has prompted these changes in both design and construction is the big change in our ideas about what a porch is for. No longer do we think of it as merely an architectural embellishment, a place where the newsboy flings the paper and arriving callers are sheltered for a moment from the rain, a place where someone with time on his hands sedately sits to watch and be watched by the passers-by. The new porch, like the terrace and the patio, is a warm-weather extension of indoor living space, but to the blessings of fresh air it adds the plus of shelter from sun, rain and wind. And its use is apt to be well-defined—an outdoor living or dining room, a garden room, a party room. Such uses call for privacy which in turn has influenced porch location—no lookout or showcase spot at the front of the house, but one more conveniently related to living and dining rooms, kitchen, swimming pool or garden. The new uses also demand more comforts and easier upkeep, both daily and long-term—demands which have been met by a wealth of new building materials: concrete for floors or for underfloors to be topped with quarry tile, brick or slate; wind panels of glass and plastic; insect screening of aluminum and plastic; weatherproof exterior paints; waterproof electric outlets; mildew- and fade-resistant canvas available in bright new range of colors.

Freestanding tree house linked to the house by a gallery



NOWELL WARD



A porch does not have to rest on the ground, nor share the foundation of the house or a common wall. A romantic screened porch in Lake Forest, Ill., *right* and *opposite page*, is lifted high above a woodsy ravine by one reinforced concrete column and connected to the house (which stands on a plateau overlooking the ravine) by a screened cantilevered gallery. Thus removed from both the ground below and the wall of the house, this leafy retreat is a quiet place apart, where its owners can spend solitary hours undistracted by household goings and comings. Yet it is near enough to the kitchen to be practicable for family breakfasts and children's lunches (there are several electrical outlets for plug-in cooking appliances). And it is large enough—18 feet square—to accommodate a good number of guests for a cocktail party. Hidden from the road by the trees, the porch enjoys privacy all summer long. The deep roof overhang wards off all but the most driving rains, and even they cannot hurt the weatherproof fabrics or the slate floor which is laid over a concrete pad. When winter comes, furniture goes into storage and a stout wooden door closes off the gallery from the dining room. Architects: Coder Taylor Associates.

Outdoor living room recessed within the house



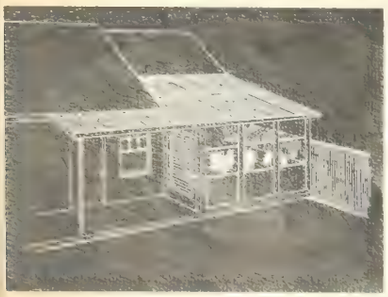


E. KERR

A porch may recede within the house roofline and become an indoor room minus outside walls that offers a pleasant transition between indoor and outdoor living. The well-sheltered living-dining porch set into the corner of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bihari's house in Encino, Calif., reflects both the indoor amenities of the living room that adjoins it on one side and the relaxed ease of the sun-drenched terrace on its other side. The room-size rug covering the concrete floor, the wrought-iron chandelier hung from the plaster ceiling, the green canvas curtains framing the openings between the wood-sheathed steel columns all suggest indoor living, yet not even one step separates the porch from the wholly exposed terrace. Interior designer: L. Jarmin Roach.



GUERRERO



Prefabricated porch to add where you like



Adding a porch today can be a simple and speedy project if it is assembled from a system of pre-cut parts. Putting up the 10-foot-square breakfast-room-greenhouse, *left*, at one corner of a city apartment terrace consisted merely of erecting the aluminum frame, then sliding into it the various modular panels designed to fit. Solid panels are plastic on the outside, covered on the inside with plastic-coated fabric. Windows are glass plus screening. The roof is of pale blue sun-filtering corrugated plastic and the floor of concrete, finished with a new epoxy paint to which pumice has been added to make it non-skid. Thus, the whole structure can be hosed down inside and out. A collection of potted plants housed here during the winter survived the experience with only occasional use of an electric heater.

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Dining porch fashioned with canvas and imagination

Since the essential distinction between a terrace and a porch is a matter of overhead shelter, it is often possible to convert the one into the other simply by erecting a roof. Part of Jon Peterson's Los Angeles pool terrace was turned into a dining porch by setting up a mock pavilion. The framework is of steel, attached to one wall of the house (see sketch, *below right*). The pavilion consists merely of a canvas roof edged with a scalloped valance, a 3-foot-deep backdrop and curtains at the corners. Rough-sawn wood siding applied to the stucco wall of the house provides an appropriately rugged background for the provincial furniture and wrought-iron lighting fixtures. At right angles to this outdoor dining room is a tiny bar porch created with an awning and curtains. Interior designer: Virginia Knight.







Pavilion porch with elegantly high roof

Today's porch can rise proudly above the roof of a house instead of nestling modestly below it. The wooden roof of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Beber's living-dining porch, *opposite page*, in Coconut Grove, Fla., is 3 feet higher than the house itself—an architectural strategy that keeps the porch from darkening the adjoining living room and assures a free flow of air on all sides. The incoming breezes are speeded up by an old-fashioned white broad-bladed fan that hangs from the beamed ceiling over the dining table. The 12-foot pillars of textured concrete, repeating those in other parts of the house, are patterned with a spiral impress from the spiraled cardboard forms into which the concrete is poured to harden. The floor of redwood decking is laid over extremely rough ground and partly overhangs a ravine with a huge ficus tree. Architect: Peter Jefferson.

Traditional galería turned party kitchen

Today's new ideas about what a porch is for may well be applied to traditional porches if they can offer the necessary privacy. Mr. and Mrs. Wiard Ihnen turned into a party kitchen the long porch facing the courtyard of their mellow adobe house "Casa Ladera" in Beverly Hills, Calif. At the edge of the porch, architect Ihnen built the massive chimney, *above*, with the inward-facing barbecue, *right*, which you also see in color on our cover. Here are cooked the *pièces de résistance* for summer buffets that are set out on the long built-in counter against the wall of the house. Over the counter, Mrs. Ihnen—the Hollywood costume designer Edith Head—has composed a display of working earthenware. Disliking any decorations with an artsy-craftsy look, she concentrates instead on decorative arrangements of utensils at the spot where they are used—serving dishes over the buffet, pots over the stove. Left of the open chimney is a semi-outdoor dining room.



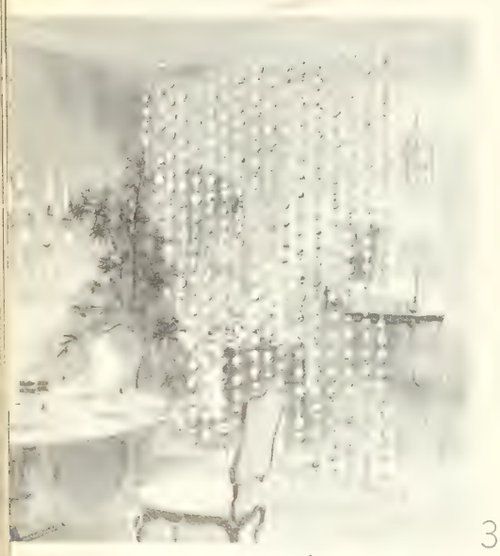
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HOW TO MAKE BEADS

FOR AIRY SCREENS AND CURTAINS

The Victorian penchant for bead curtains is having a flourishing revival today. But although the Victorians used them almost exclusively in their parlor doorways, today we not only string them up in many places for many different decorative effects, but use them even as structural elements, indoors and out. Bead curtains hung across a window instead of undercurtains cast interesting patterns of light and shade on the floor. They also make excellent space dividers in a room where you do not want a too impenetrable-looking barrier. Outdoors, a bead curtain makes a pretty screen for a terrace—and rippled by a breeze, the strings of beads sound as musical as old Chinese wind chimes.

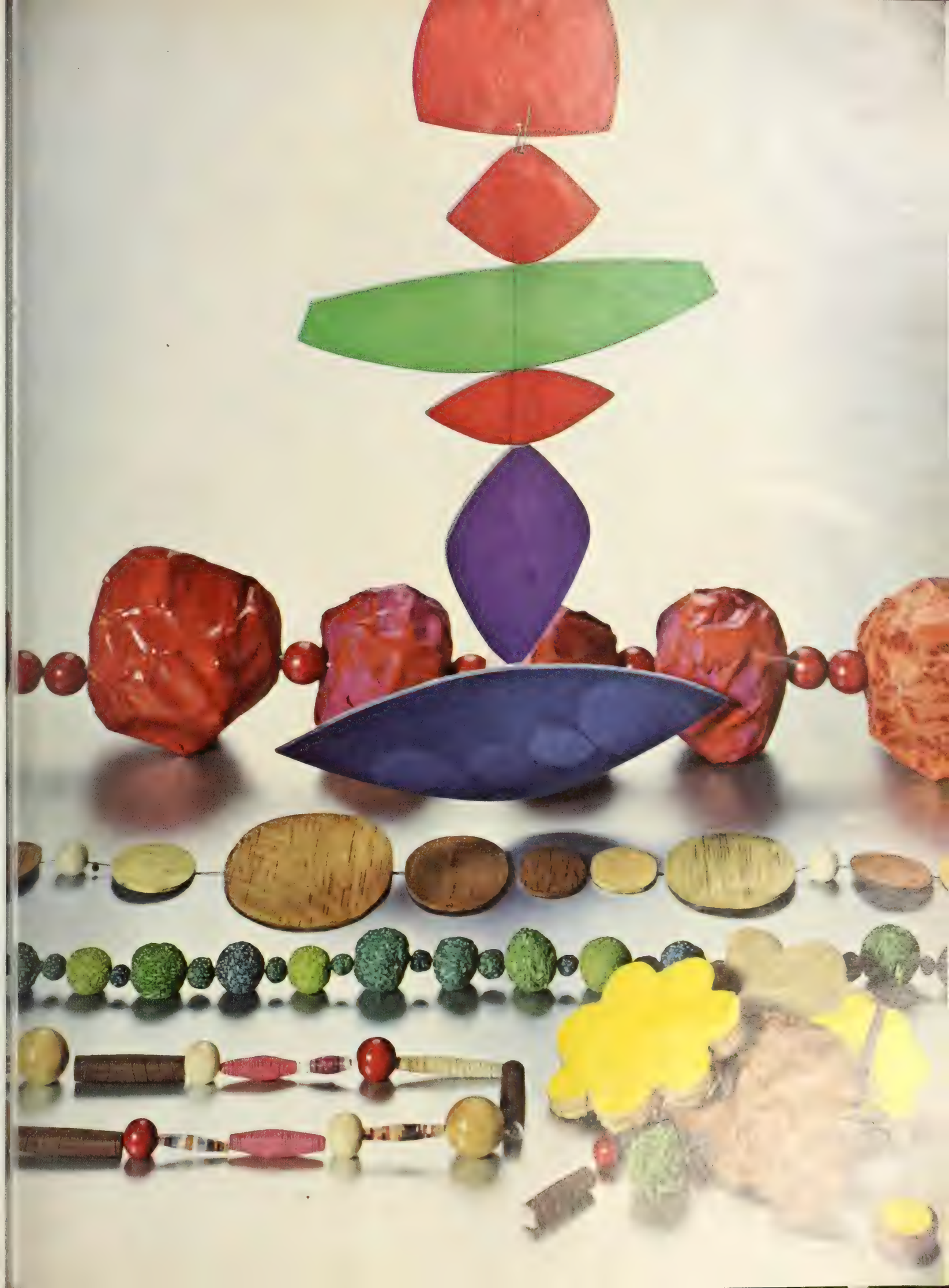
Making your own beads for these curtains and screens is easy and fun—a pleasant and relatively undemanding project even children can participate in. You can turn out batches of assorted beads made from rolled paper, packed sawdust, papier-mâché or clay, or cut out of sheets of balsa wood or colored translucent plastic. The paper, sawdust and papier-mâché beads are especially easy to make since you build up the shapes as you go along. You can turn out the clay beads very much as if you were making cookies, cutting out the shapes with a cookie cutter. For the balsa wood and plastic beads, you trace a simple motif—a flower, leaf or star, say—onto the material, and then cut out the shapes with a handsaw. An excellent saw on the market for this purpose is an electric jig saw made by Dremel Manufacturing Company, designed to be safe and easy to operate, even for children.

Depending upon the particular effect you want to create, you can turn out a bead as big as an orange or as small as a pea. A curtain for a terrace, for instance, could be composed of gigantic beads, while beads for a living room window curtain would naturally be scaled much smaller. To give the strands an interesting, diversified look, you can alternate homemade beads with plain, round store-bought wooden beads.

Linking the beads together is easy, too. In most cases, all you do is string them with nylon fishing line—an excellent choice since it is strong, transparent and weatherproof (important if the bead strands are going to hang outdoors). When the strands are ready, you can attach them at the top onto curtain rods or rings, allowing the strands to fall free like a curtain. Or if you want a fixed screen, as a room divider, perhaps, also attach the ends of the strands to the floor.

Instructions on how to make the six kinds of beads, *opposite page*, begin on page 170. For some leads on where you can buy materials you need, turn to page 181.

Homemade beads for screens can be fat or flat and run the gamut from plump, crinkly shapes as big as oranges to tiny pebble shapes like necklace beads. The sampling of beads, *opposite page*, created by designer Jean Ray Laury, shows a gay variety. From top to bottom, the beads are, specifically: Plexiglas beads, papier-mâché beads, balsa wood beads, sawdust mâché beads, rolled paper beads and clay cookie mold beads. Strands of beads can be used in diverse, pretty ways, such as, *left:* 1, a screen on a terrace or porch; 2, a rippling door curtain in an informal dining room; 3, a see-through room divider; 4, window covering for shapely windows you want to keep free of curtains.





TEENERS' HAVEN

H&G HELPS TWO YOUNG GIRLS CREATE "A ROOM THAT WE'RE PROUD OF"

Not long ago, H&G received a letter that began, "My sister and I have a problem. We are teen[illegible] have a very small bedroom. There is no room for a desk, which we need to do our homework on. And by the time we get twin beds and two dressers in the room, there is no space for anything else. Also, we h[illegible] little wall space. We want to fix up our room, but don't know how to go about it. We are ashamed of our 'cell' and want to create a bedroom we're proud of and like to be in, but our parents say we must stick to a very small budget." Stimulated by this challenge from Janice and Judith Steen of Detroit, Mich., and sure their plight was paralleled by other bedroom-sharing teen-agers, we decided to work out a solution.

From the rough floor plan that accompanied the letter, we saw that the girls' room was indeed awkwardly small—only 12 feet 11 inches by 8 feet 10 inches—and that the wall space was broken up by three doors, a window and a problematic jog in one corner. There was only one standard-size closet, which the sisters had to share, and since their old furniture was somewhat space-consuming, there was no place to sit and read or chat with a friend except on the beds.

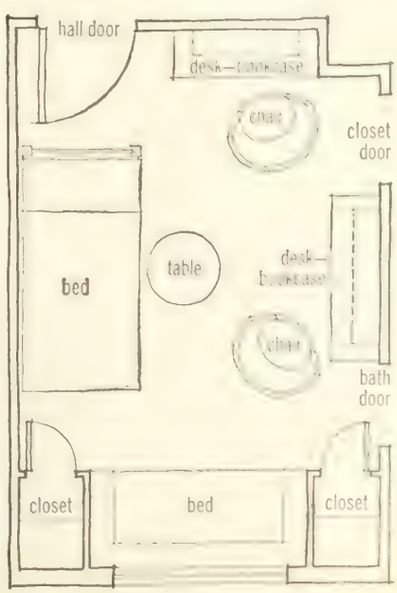
We started by sending our correspondents a set of H&G Color Chips and a short quiz to find out more about their favorite colors, the type of fabrics they preferred, the general over-all effect they wanted to create, what their hobbies were. Both girls, we learned, loved to draw and paint. And their tastes and needs turned out to be very similar, which greatly simplified our job. They proposed their own color scheme: H&G's Maple Sugar, Tangerine and Fern. They decided they both preferred heavy, textured, linen-y fabrics rather than gauzy or satin-y ones. They said they both liked neat, simple patterns like plaids, checks or stripes, and they wanted a room with a trim, clean-lined look—nothing fussy.

Our main problem, obviously, was to overcome the cramped space. First we suggested the girls replace their cumbersome furniture as far as possible with built-in or wall-hung pieces that would clear the floor of legs. At the window end of the room, a sleeping niche could be created for one girl by building a floor-to-ceiling closet in each corner, thus giving both girls closets of their own. These could easily be constructed by their father or a handyman friend with ⅝-inch plywood framed by two-by-four's, and the bed could be simply a mattress placed on a platform made of a flush, 6-foot door slab. Three banks of wood drawers on nylon runners tucked in below the bed would eliminate the need of freestanding dressers. And to give the niche a finishing touch, a scalloped valance of ⅝-inch plywood could be added. For the other girl, a bed placed lengthwise along one wall would be almost as space-saving as the built-in.

To the girls' personally chosen colors, we added Green Gage—plus Tiger Lily for small accents. Wall-to-wall acrylic carpeting in Fern (see swatch at *left center, opposite page*) and corner-to-corner wallpaper in Maple Sugar and white checks (*opposite page, top right*) would create a coherent background, we decided, and help minimize the jog. To splash against this fairly neutral background, we chose potent accents: Tangerine bedspreads (*opposite page, lower left*), in a heavy, ribbed cotton; Green Gage paint for the doors; Tiger Lily paint for the moldings. And to make the room seem larger, we advised dispensing with curtains in favor of a window shade made of a creamy, textured fabric (swatch, *left*), trimmed with Green Gage and Tiger Lily tape.

For their drawing and painting we recommended that the girls share a lightweight café table, easily movable about the room—and turn the problem corner jog into an art display wall (*opposite page, top*). By heaping each bed with a flurry of cushions, the sisters could have cozy divans to curl up on by day. And there would also be room for a wicker armchair for each and a wall-hung bookcase unit.

The cost of transforming the room, we estimated, would be approximately $500 including all the major components plus wood for the niche and the paints, but not, of course, the labor—we felt sure the girls would be happy to lend a hand at that. They were delighted with all our proposals for redecorating their room. "Thank you so very much for the marvelous work you did," they wrote. "Finally our room will be beautiful."



To leave as much clear floor space as possible, beds could be [illegible] walls and bookcase units hung on the [illegible]

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CORKSCREW

Bitters—the tangy mixers

by Hugh Johnson

Bitters are the antidote to too much sweetness. In a drink—especially in a summer drink—sweetness is cloying. It satisfies too soon, leaving the thirst unquenched. It needs to be balanced, set off, pointed up with a tang and the whisper of a shudder. On a sultry evening we drink dry wines, coolers with the sharpness of limes and lemons, and now, more than ever, the cryptically herbal, alchemical concoctions made with Campari, Angostura, Fernet Branca and the whole gamut of patent bitters.

Bitters are mixers. Few people like any of them straight. Italy does produce a wonderful line of half-bitters, as it were, with the sweet additive already in it, plus another, relatively new bitters, complete with soda, in a one-shot bottle—gimmicky, but a galloping success. Out-and-out bitters, however, are too pungent and positive for most palates. Their role is partnership, and at this they excel.

More than anything else they are the drinks of leisure and lazy days. They were born in the city that was known as the City of Pensioners, so fond were the citizens of sitting around in cafés, watching the paving stones go by. Turin in the Eighteen Hundreds was a cynical city, a sardonic city, a city that had grown up, been around, seen the world. It liked nothing better than to stretch its legs out, have its talk out and sip and sniff at a sophisticated glassful.

Turin café proprietors were the masters of their trade. They studied (for they had time) every sip their customers took. The coffee was good. The cakes were good. The cigars were of the finest Havana leaf. But these were the background, merely, to the cordials which were the *specialità della casa*. Under the arcades—the cafés still exist today along the streets with big-bellied balconies sailing overhead and with much of the same unhurried atmosphere—all was calm. The last big meal was merely a prelude to the next. A little business might be concluded meanwhile, much as one might play at cribbage or admire the waitress—unpassionately but carefully, making no mistake.

Such an atmosphere accounts for the slightly bizarre invention of bitters. They have their ultimate roots in alchemy—in the studies of the restless dreamers who passionately believed that somewhere in the mixing of this and that lay the elixir of life, the philosopher's stone, the heart's desire. It is impossible to tell how much, if at all, bitters have changed from the old prescriptions. In essence they remain the same—the infusion of herbs, roots and spices in alcohol.

In the last century there was a French apéritif with the name *Quoique ce Soit*—"Whatever this is." This attitude remains the attitude of the great apéritif and bitters houses today. In vain the researcher, with the best will in the world, knocks at their doors for a clue—the merest hint—about their ingredients. "A family secret," they all say. One member of the staff or family alone knows the whole recipe. He is on oath not to tell a soul. Only on his death bed, it is said, is his chosen successor ushered into his chamber. Then the doors are locked, the blinds are drawn and in the faintest hoarsest whisper the secret passes for a second through the air and then is locked in another heart.

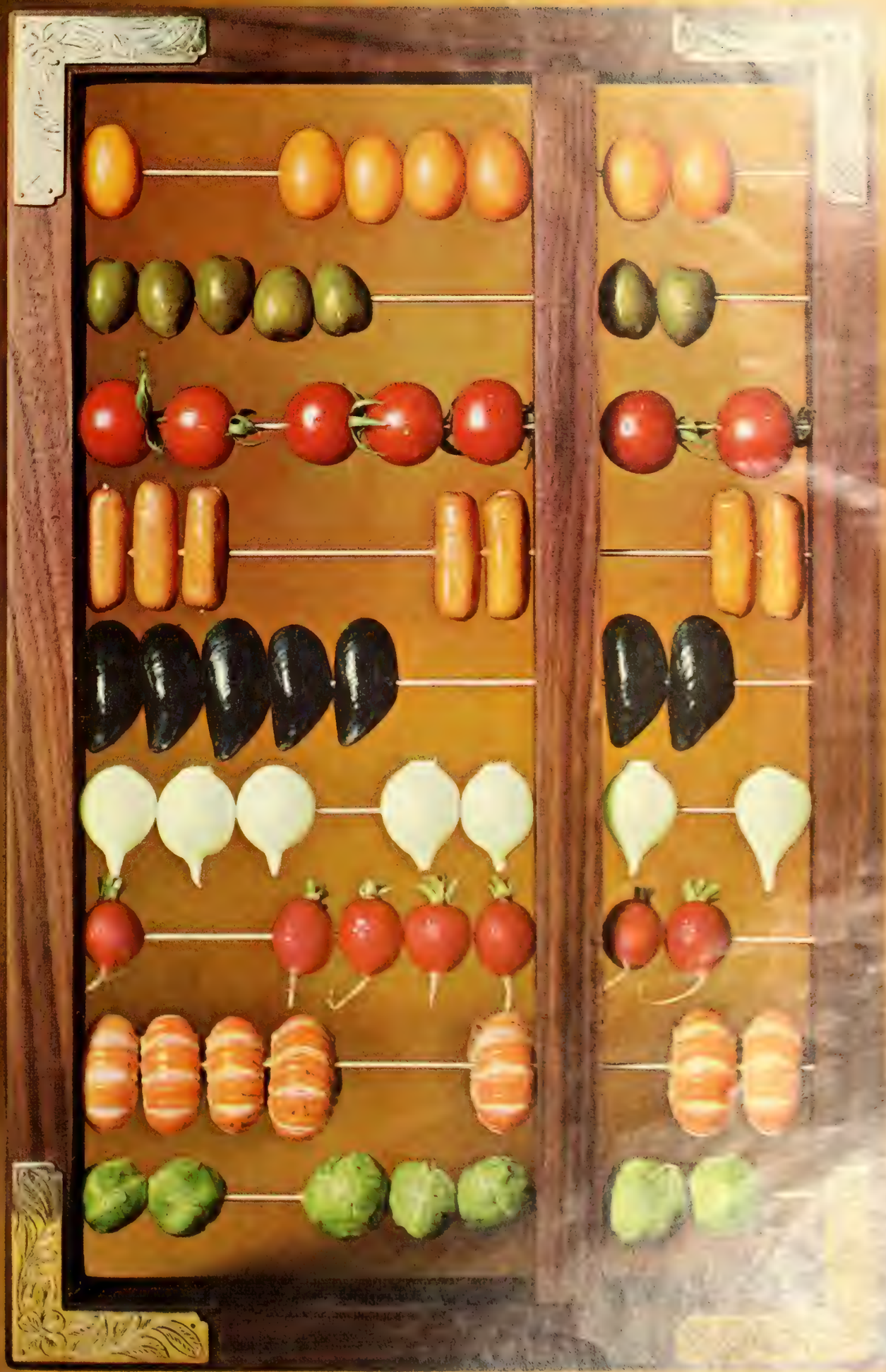
It is almost equally difficult to describe the taste of the great bitters. No associations come to mind to help us. Perhaps if we knew what was in them we would be able to ascribe qualities of scent and flavor to them. There are alpine herbs in this one or that, we are sure. Certainly orange peel accounts for something in the aroma of another. But the only associations they hold for us are the corner cafés, the beach terraces, the mountain resorts where we have drunk them.

Angostura is the bitters of the New World. Dr. Siegert, the latter-day alchemist who invented it, had served in a Prussian cavalry regiment against Napoleon Bonaparte. The war over, he took up arms again to become surgeon general under the heroic, disillusioned Simon Bolivar. It was in Bolivar's service in Venezuela that Siegert compounded his medicinal bitters, christening it Angostura, the name of his post. Effective as it was against the inevitable stomach disorders of military life in South America, it was its taste that secured Angostura's fame. In a few years the doctor was shipping it via Trinidad to England, where it was used for every purpose except the medicinal—especially, for a long time, as an additive to sherry.

The doctor's family (who run the company to this day) eventu-

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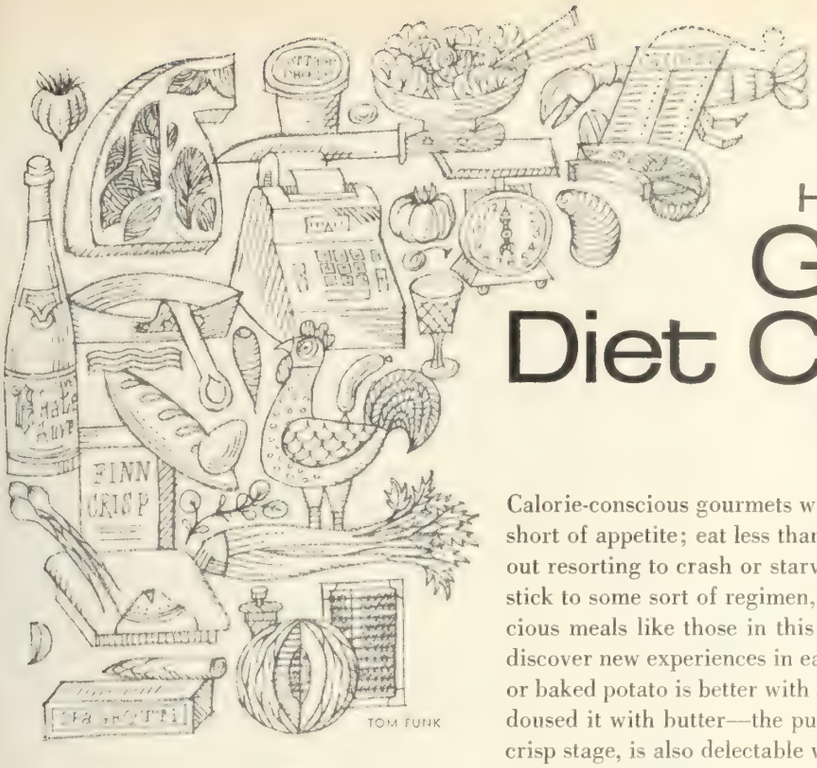
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HOUSE & GARDEN'S

Gourmet Diet Cook Book #2

By James A. Beard

Calorie-conscious gourmets would do well to take as their motto the sage words of Ovid: "Stop short of appetite; eat less than you are able." It *is* possible to cut down on calorie intake without resorting to crash or starvation diets. If you taper off your normal daily quota of food and stick to some sort of regimen, you can lose weight gradually and simply and still enjoy delicious meals like those in this cook book. The remarkable, and interesting, thing is that you discover new experiences in eating, new delights in everyday foods. I find that a freshly boiled or baked potato is better with a little coarse salt and a grind of pepper than it ever was when I doused it with butter—the pure taste of potato comes through. Fresh asparagus, cooked to the crisp stage, is also delectable without butter, just eaten hot with salt and pepper or cold with a little crumbled hard-cooked egg and lemon juice.

As for alcohol, your calorie chart can guide you part of the way and then your conscience must take over. I take a glass of wine now and then and spirits once in a while, especially at parties or in restaurants where an empty hand can seem rather anti-social, but my favorite tipple is Perrier water. Its natural carbonation has a stimulating quality and those bubbles even make it seem festive. The French call Perrier "the champagne of the poor;" I prefer to call it "the champagne of the dieting drinker." Another good substitute drink is lemon juice with a dash of Angostura bitters and soda. It is sprightly in taste and alcoholic in color—psychologically the dieter's highball. A third substitute, and a good drink to carry you through long conversations, is iced tea. It is brisk, good to the taste and satisfactory to the conscience.

EDITOR'S NOTE: James A. Beard, House & Garden's food and beverages consultant and a renowned gastronome, recently went on a diet that, while not restricting his professional routine or enjoyment of good food, enabled him to lose 35 pounds. The menus are inspired by those he follows himself, plus some higher-calorie dishes we asked him to add for nondieting members of the family or guests. The calorie list on page 164 will enable you to work out similar menus of your own, based on foods that are low in calories.

Daily Dieting

When you are trying to cut down on calories, a good breakfast is a must. It stays the hunger pangs that are liable to assail you around noon, and enables you to eat lightly at lunch time. I happen to like for breakfast some of the same things that I often eat for lunch or dinner. As a result, breakfasts vary. Here are a few of the foods I am apt to have, many of which, although low in calories, are substantial enough to make a dieter feel really well fed:

Fruit or juice: Melon, grapefruit or tomato juice; occasionally fresh figs or fresh pineapple.

Toast: Thomas' Protein Bread (45 calories per slice), which makes the most excellent of all toast, whether you are on a diet or not. Or use a good gluten bread if there is one available in your neighborhood. A piece of Finn Crisp can take the place of toast.

Meats:

1. A frankfurter (125 calories), filling and tasty.
2. Two rashers of bacon (about 95 calories) with a sliced tomato or a few cherry tomatoes.
3. A thin slice of cold steak or a piece of cold hamburger with a slice of toast.
4. Cold breast of chicken with a sliced tomato and a piece of protein toast or Finn Crisp.

Eggs: Eggs, cooked in Teflon-lined pans—an advantage to the dieter, for it is possible to do fairly good scrambled eggs with just a brush of butter in the pan, and an omelette of sorts if the eggs are mixed with a bit of water and the pan is brushed with oil or butter.

The dinner menus in this cook book are those I actually used over a period of months when I was on my own weight-losing regimen. They worked beautifully for me and even for my guests, whose meals I embellished somewhat. Among the staple dishes I found agreeable, any of which could also be eaten for lunch, were:

1. Broiled flank steak with additives for flavor.
2. Lamb chops and roast lamb, hot or cold.
3. Veal chops, broiled slowly.
4. Broiled and roast chicken—good hot, but tastes much better cold. A little soy sauce, garlic or rosemary enhances chicken tremendously.
5. Cold boiled beef and cold lean roast beef with good mustard and salad greens.
6. Frankfurters—a dieter's boon.
7. Squab—delicious, and you have the added pleasure of picking and savoring the bones.
8. Chicken gizzards—delicious in many ways. I often poach them and serve them with soy sauce and onions, with mustard or with tomato sauce.
9. Spaghetti or noodles—a great satisfaction to the dieter occasionally, if fitted into the calorie count. Serve with a simple, well-flavored tomato sauce or with minced clams, heated in their juice to which you add a little garlic and parsley.
10. Sukiyaki—admirable for dieters if the sugar content is reduced. I merely rub a heavy skillet with a bit of fat and first cook thick slices of onion and beef; then add vegetables, broth and soy sauce, tossing well and cooking until the vegetables are tender, but still crisp. This diversified dish is low in calories and yet filling.
11. Boiled tongue—a fine dish with a mess of spinach. Delicious cold with mustard.
12. Finger salads. It is my belief that "finger salads" are much more satisfactory than a dressed salad for someone who wishes to eschew dressings. Simply salt and pepper and eat with the fingers: quarters of romaine or small heads of Bibb lettuce; celery, fennel, Chinese cabbage, cut in wedges; Belgian endive; tomatoes of all descriptions, peeled or unpeeled, sliced or in wedges, or whole cherry tomatoes; raw carrots, turnips and asparagus (add a squeeze of lemon juice along with salt and pepper). I have a great weakness for onions—scallions, Italian red onions or Bermudas. I often slice the Italian or Bermuda paper-thin, put it in the refrigerator with ice cubes and water for an hour or two, and then serve, after draining, with vinegar, salt and pepper. Cucumbers, thinly sliced, may be added, alone with [illegible] (If you are on a low-sodium diet, try one of Adolph's salt substitutes on raw vegetables.)

Dressings, as I [illegible] But if you must have a dressing on the [illegible] three low-calorie

1. Stir together equal parts of soy sauce, wine vinegar and Dijon mustard. A crushed garlic clove may be added.
2. Whirl in a blender [illegible] can tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon each sugar and salt, 1 teaspoon basil, 1 teaspoon salt, 1½ teaspoons freshly ground pepper. This makes a pleasant [illegible] dressing. It will keep [illegible] days.
3. Whip [illegible] vinegar, [illegible] Worcestershire sauce, 1 clove garlic, crushed, 1 small onion, [illegible] teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon pepper.

In the following menus you will find that some additions [illegible]

Dieting away from home

Although dieting at home is relatively easy, dieting in restaurants is another matter, and many calorie-conscious men and women find that lunch with business associates or friends is their downfall. Recently, when I spent six months of my diet period traveling (and this included a trip to Europe where I ate in first-rank restaurants), I proved to my own satisfaction that it is possible to diet when eating out—it is all a matter of planning. When I was in Europe, I "banked" my calories to pay for the days when I wanted to eat well, and I learned to eat only small portions of rich food and to savor those portions thoroughly. One good meal a day was my allowance. Most often that was lunch. For dinner I had a mere pickup or nothing at all. Whatever the main meal of the day, I drank wine with it, and throughout the five-week trip I actually managed to shed 11 pounds.

In the United States and Canada, where I have been touring a good deal, I find it easy to eat smaller portions of food and to choose wisely. No one feels you are being odd when you ask for a Dijon mustard and lemon juice dressing on a salad, for spinach without butter or a slice of rare roast beef without *jus*.

Naturally much of the success of maintaining your diet away from home lies in selecting foods low in calories. Memorize the approximate values of things you like or even carry a small chart with you. Here are examples of menu foods which you can order without qualms:

Appetizers: Oysters and clams, certainly. (If you feel free, order half-a-dozen; otherwise, three.) Raw bay scallops with lemon and freshly ground pepper make a fine appetizer. Crab meat with lemon and freshly ground pepper or with a strip or so of pimiento is excellent and low in calories, and shrimp are a dieter's dream. In a French restaurant, where there is a lovely selection of hors d'oeuvre, the choice is difficult. I sometimes have an artichoke with mustard and lemon juice, or a tomato or cucumber salad. Peppers with anchovies (and without the additional olive oil) is another flavorful choice.

Soups: Choose a clear variety—chicken broth or consommé, or have a cup of vegetable soup. Tomato madrilene and jellied bouillon frequently appear on menus and are low in calories.

Entrées: Be careful about main dishes in restaurants, for the helpings are often too bountiful. Simply request small portions and no sauce. The best meat dishes for dieters are those that are grilled or roasted, but this can become boring time after time, so treat yourself to a more elaborate course occasionally. One of my favorite dishes is boiled beef, or *pot au feu*. I order it often and let my conscience stop me when I have consumed enough. The broth often served with this dish is a pleasant added feature. You might look for a similar dish—*poule au pot*—of poached chicken and broth.

Corned beef, if it is lean and not mushy, with plain steamed or boiled cabbage is always satisfying. So are broiled kidneys, or a combination of sweetbreads and kidneys alternated on a skewer, served with lemon, mustard or chutney.

Many French restaurants serve rare roast lamb, which is superb for light eating. If the customary luscious beans are served with it, go easy. Or have some tomatoes or celery instead. It is the fate of most of us who would like to be slim that we adore beans and potatoes.

Desserts: If you are serious about your diet, you will have fruit. Better yet, skip dessert.

Extras: Beware of the free butter, tempting rolls and the salads with gooey dressings.

If you have saved your calories for a real splurge and are dining *de grande luxe*, there is nothing to deter you from a generous helping of caviar, or even a thin slice of smoked salmon or sturgeon. And a tiny broiled squab or roast squab is certainly within bounds, as is pheasant or quail, providing you don't eat the sauce.

Three classics of fish cookery are all in your domain—grilled Dover sole, turbot, or *truite au bleu*. If you are traveling the three-star circuit in France, it is possible to find a few great specialties along the way which won't violate your diet by much, if at all—for example, *poularde en demi-deuil* or *homard à la nage*.

Keep your calorie count up-to-date but out of sight, be judicious in your ordering, and no one will suspect you are giving up anything. If you occasionally forget and bite a spoonful of rich sauce, quiet your conscience and add your indulgence in the final tally for the week.



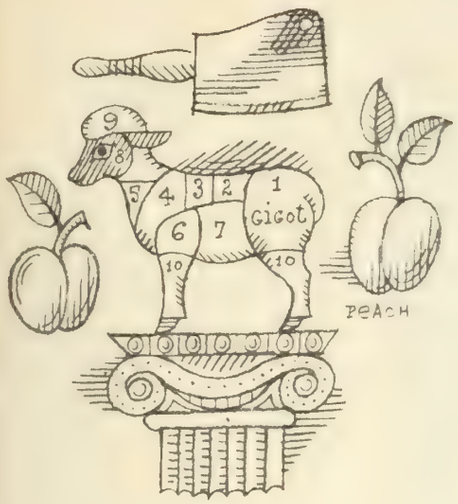
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Dinner #1



FOR THE DIETER

SMOKED SALMON
GIGOT À LA FICELLE WITH ANCHOVY SAUCE*
PETITS POIS PARSLIED NEW POTATOES
FRESH PEACHES WITH FRAMBOISE



FOR NONDIETERS

SMOKED SALMON WITH OIL AND CAPERS
RYE BREAD AND BUTTER
GIGOT À LA FICELLE WITH ANCHOVY SAUCE*
PETITS POIS
PARSLIED AND BUTTERED NEW POTATOES
ROLLS
FRESH PEACHES WITH FRAMBOISE

Gigot à la Ficelle

Leg of lamb, about 5 pounds, boned and tied
1 clove garlic, cut in slivers
Bones from the leg
4 cloves garlic, crushed
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon tarragon
4 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
3 dried red peppers
2 tablespoons salt

Stud the lamb with a few slivers of garlic. Roll in a linen towel or cloth and tie securely. Combine the bones and the seasonings in a kettle with enough water to eventually cover the leg of lamb. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 hour over medium heat. Now tie the leg of lamb to the handles of the kettle so that it does not rest on the bottom, or place it on a rack in the kettle. Bring bouillon to the boil and reduce to simmer. Allow approximately 14-15 minutes per pound boned weight for rare lamb. Remove lamb. Reserve ½ cup broth for anchovy sauce. Serve with tiny parslied new potatoes and petits pois (either frozen or canned) flavored with a little chopped parsley and chives. Add butter to the nondieters' potatoes and peas. Serves 6.

Anchovy Sauce

1 clove garlic, finely chopped
12 anchovy fillets, finely chopped
12 black Italian or Greek olives, pitted and chopped
1 or 2 hot peppers, finely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
½ cup lamb broth

Combine all the ingredients and stir well over a medium flame until the mixture is smooth and heated through. Correct the seasoning. It should be very hot and the anchovy flavor quite pronounced. A dash of Tabasco may be in order.

Dinner #2



FOR THE DIETER

CAVIAR WITH LEMON
FLANK STEAK ORIENTALE*
POTATOES ANNA
RAW MUSHROOM AND BIBB LETTUCE SALAD WITH DIET DRESSING
(freshly cracked Malabar pepper, lemon juice and a touch of oil if desired)
COFFEE JELLY*



FOR NONDIETERS

CAVIAR WITH TOAST AND BUTTER
FLANK STEAK ORIENTALE*
POTATOES ANNA
RAW MUSHROOM AND BIBB LETTUCE SALAD WITH FRENCH DRESSING
CHEESE
COFFEE JELLY WITH CHOCOLATE CREAM*

Flank Steak Orientale

2 flank steaks (prime or choice quality), trimmed
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
⅔ cup soy sauce (preferably Kikkoman or other Japanese soy)
½ teaspoon Tabasco
⅓ cup sherry or vermouth
Salt

Rub the steaks well with the chopped garlic and freshly ground pepper, place in a shallow dish and add the soy sauce, Tabasco and wine. Turn the steaks in the mixture several times. Let stand for an hour or two at room temperature, or even overnight in the refrigerator. Arrange the steaks on a broiling pan and broil at high heat close to the broiler for 3 minutes on each side for rare meat. Salt to taste and slice in thin, thin slices with a sharp knife. Hold the knife so it is almost parallel to the steak, to produce wide, diagonal slices. Serves 6.

This is excellent diet fare because of minimal fat. Serve with Potatoes Anna (dieters may have 1 tablespoon).

Coffee Jelly

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
3 cups freshly made, boiling coffee (Espresso, instant or regular)
Artificial sugar to taste, if desired
Grand Marnier
Chocolate Cream

Soften the gelatin [illegible] ing coffee into the gelatin to dissolve thoroughly. Add artificial sugar if desired. [illegible] into individual molds [illegible] and chill. Unmold. Serve dieter's portion with a little Grand Marnier.

For nondieters, serve with Chocolate Cream: 1 cup heavy cream whipped with [illegible] confectioners' sugar and [illegible]

Dinner #3



FOR THE DIETER

CELERY AND RADISHES
BROILED SQUAB CHICKEN*
BAKED POTATO WITH COARSE SALT AND FRESHLY GROUND PEPPER
LEAF SPINACH WITH GARLIC AND LEMON
FRESH PEAR



FOR NONDIETERS

ANCHOVY-STUFFED CELERY*
DEVILED SQUAB CHICKENS WITH TARRAGON HOLLANDAISE*
BAKED POTATOES
SPINACH WITH GARLIC AND OIL
PEARS WITH CHEESE

Anchovy-Stuffed Celery

½ cup cream cheese
2 tablespoons butter, softened
12 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon or more lemon juice
4 celery stalks, crisped

Beat the cheese, butter, anchovies and lemon juice well with a fork and stuff the celery stalks with the mixture. Cut in convenient lengths for serving. Chill for an hour. Serves 4.

Broiled Squab Chicken

Squab chickens average [illegible] pound. They are readily available in most communities, although in some places they must be ordered in advance from the butcher.

For the dieter, split [illegible] well with garlic and soy sauce. Broil, bone side up, for about 9 minutes. Turn, salt and pepper to taste, and broil, skin side up, for 7 minutes. Remove from broiler. Serve plain.

Deviled Squab Chickens with Tarragon Hollandaise

Split 4 squab chickens [illegible] sauce and oil. Broil like dieter's chicken, [illegible] while broiling, [illegible] the heating unit, and [illegible] are browned [illegible] dried tarragon. Serve with [illegible]



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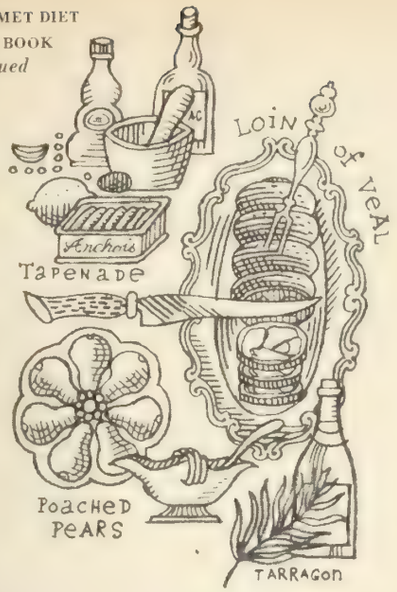
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Dinner #4



FOR THE DIETER

CRUDITÉS (RAW VEGETABLE FINGER SALAD)
ROAST LOIN OF VEAL*
POLENTA* SNOW PEAS
POACHED PEARS WITH EAU DE VIE DE POIRE*



FOR NONDIETERS

CRUDITÉS WITH TAPENADE*
ROAST LOIN OF VEAL WITH NATURAL SAUCE*
POLENTA* SNOW PEAS
POACHED PEARS WITH SAUCE ANGLAISE AU POIRE*

Tapenade

18 anchovy fillets with their oil
20–24 soft black olives, pitted
3–4 cloves garlic
¼ cup olive oil
1-ounce can tuna in olive oil
28 capers
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
¼ cup cognac
Dash lemon juice

Put the anchovies, olives and garlic in a blender with some extra oil and blend until smooth. Then add and blend the other ingredients, again with extra oil, if needed. Taste for seasoning.

Roast Loin of Veal

Loin or rack of veal, 4–5 pounds.
1 clove garlic
2 teaspoons tarragon
Salt, freshly ground black pepper
Bacon strips
White wine

Rub the veal well with garlic, tarragon, salt and pepper and place on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Place strips of bacon over it and roast in a 325° oven for approximately 22 minutes per pound, or until the meat thermometer registers 165°. Baste occasionally with a little white wine blended with the pan juices. Remove the bacon for the last half hour. Serve nondieters' portions with the pan juices. Serves 6.

Polenta

1 teaspoon salt
1 cup corn meal
3 cups boiling water
2 tablespoons butter
Grated Parmesan cheese

Combine 1 cup cold water, the salt and corn meal in a heavy saucepan and beat to a paste with a wooden spatula. Add the boiling water and stir vigorously over medium high heat until the mixture is smooth and no lumps form. Simmer for 45 minutes over very low heat, stirring occasionally, or place in a double boiler or steamer for 45 minutes. Serve plain to the dieter, with butter and grated Parmesan to nondieters. Serves 6.

Poached Pears

Artificial sweetener to taste
6 pears, peeled and cored, but left whole
Eau de Vie de Poire
Sauce Anglaise au Poire

Prepare a syrup of the artificial sweetener with enough water to cover the pears and poach the pears in the syrup until they are tender, but not mushy. Cool in the syrup. Serve the low-calorie eater a chilled pear with a little Eau de Vie de Poire poured over it at the last minute. Serve nondieters their pears with Sauce Anglaise au Poire (a soft custard sauce flavored with Eau de Vie de Poire). Serves 6.

Dinner #5



FOR THE DIETER

MUSSELS STEAMED IN WHITE WINE*
SWEETBREADS AND KIDNEYS EN BROCHETTE*
MASHED TURNIPS WITH MUSHROOMS
CHERRY TOMATOES
STRAWBERRIES WITH KIRSCH



FOR NONDIETERS

MUSSELS STEAMED IN WHITE WINE*
SWEETBREADS AND KIDNEYS EN BROCHETTE WITH QUICK SAUCE BORDELAISE*
MASHED TURNIPS WITH MUSHROOMS
STRAWBERRIES WITH KIRSCH
FLORENTINES*

Mussels Steamed in White Wine

2 quarts mussels
6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 sprigs parsley
1 cup white wine
Finely chopped parsley
Melted butter
Garlic-toasted French bread

Wash and beard the mussels. Place them in a large kettle with the garlic, onion and parsley. Add the white wine, cover and place over medium heat until the mussels open. Discard those which do not open. Serve in large soup plates with finely chopped parsley—and melted butter for those who are not dieting. Nondieters may also have garlic-toasted French bread. Serves 4.

Sweetbreads and Kidneys en Brochette

2 pairs sweetbreads, blanched, trimmed and cut in 1½" pieces
6 small veal kidneys, trimmed and cut in 1½" pieces
Lemon juice
Melted butter
Salt, pepper
Parsley
½ cup cognac

Alternate the sweetbreads and kidneys on skewers. Sprinkle gently with lemon juice, brush well with melted butter and broil about 3" from broiling unit, turning several times and salting and peppering as you go. Kidneys are best served rare, so figure on about 6 minutes for the broiling. Arrange on a hot platter on a bed of parsley. Flame with cognac. Serves 4.

Quick Sauce Bordelaise

10½-ounce can beef broth
1 cup red wine
4 shallots or green onions, finely chopped
Beurre manié (1 tablespoon each butter and flour, kneaded together)

Combine the broth with the red wine and shallots and reduce over a brisk heat to about half volume. Correct the seasoning and thicken with beurre manié. Strain and serve in a sauceboat.

Florentines

½ cup sugar
¼ cup heavy cream
⅓ cup honey
4 tablespoons butter
4 ounces ground candied orange peel
6 ounces blanched sliced almonds
3 tablespoons flour
8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate melted with 2 tablespoons butter

Combine the sugar, cream, honey and butter in a saucepan and boil until the candy thermometer registers 240°, or until a firm ball is formed. Stir in candied orange peel, almonds and flour.

Drop small teaspoons of this batter on well-greased cookie sheets, leaving at least 2" between cookies. Flatten each cookie with a fork dipped in milk. Bake in a 400° oven 8–10 minutes, or until cookies look golden. Immediately upon removing from oven, shape each cookie with a greased round cutter. When firm, remove from sheets and cool. Coat back of each cookie thinly with melted chocolate and butter. Place in refrigerator briefly. Makes about 14. (To Florentines





Dinner #6



FOR THE DIETER

KIELBASY WITH RED WINE AND SHALLOTS*
SAUERKRAUT WITH BEER*
BOILED POTATO
MUSTARD SLICED DILL PICKLES
BAKED APPLE*



FOR NONDIETERS

CONSOMMÉ WITH SHERRY
KIELBASY WITH RED WINE AND SHALLOTS*
SAUERKRAUT WITH BEER*
BOILED POTATOES
RYE BREAD MUSTARD SLICED DILL PICKLES
APPLES BONNE FEMME WITH CREAM*

Kielbasy with Red Wine and Shallots

6 shallots or scallions, finely chopped
Red wine to almost cover sausages
2 kielbasy

Combine shallots and wine in a skillet large enough to hold the two sausages. If the sausages are pre-cooked, poach them gently over a medium heat until they are completely heated through. If not, poach for about 45–50 minutes, turning several times. Remove the sausages to a hot platter and reduce the wine. Serve as a sauce with the sausages and potatoes. Serves 6.

Sauerkraut with Beer

3 pounds sauerkraut
3 rashers bacon, diced
1 large onion, thinly sliced
1 clove garlic, crushed
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Beer to cover

Combine the sauerkraut, bacon, onion, garlic and pepper in a heavy skillet or saucepan. Add beer just to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1–4 hours, depending upon the time you have and your inclination (the longer it simmers, the better it is). Add more beer if the liquid cooks away rapidly. Serves 6.

Baked Apple

Core apple, sprinkle with sugar substitute and flavor with a touch of vanilla or a few drops of sherry. Add a small amount of water to the cooking dish or pan and bake in a 350° oven until just tender. Serves 1.

Apples Bonne Femme with Cream

6 slices bread, cut in rounds
Butter
6 apples—greenings or Winesaps, cored
6 tablespoons sugar
Vanilla
Heavy cream

Sauté rounds of bread in butter until golden brown. Arrange in a buttered baking dish. Trim a small amount from the tops of the apples. Place on the rounds of toast. Fill each cavity with 1 tablespoon sugar, dot with butter and add a few drops vanilla. Bake in a 350° oven, basting with pan juices or adding more butter if needed. Serve warm with heavy cream. Serves 6.

Dinner #7



FOR THE DIETER

DOUBLE CHICKEN CONSOMMÉ*
ROAST ROCK CORNISH GAME HEN WITH TARRAGON AND OLIVES*
BRAISED CELERY* CARROT STICKS
FRESH APPLE



FOR NONDIETERS

DOUBLE CHICKEN CONSOMMÉ*
WITH CROUTONS
ROAST ROCK CORNISH GAME HEN WITH RICE, TARRAGON AND PINE NUT STUFFING*
BRAISED CELERY*
SALAD OF AVOCADO, GRATED CARROT AND GREENS, VINAIGRETTE SAUCE
APPLE TART WITH NUTMEG WHIPPED CREAM*

Double Chicken Consommé

2 pounds gizzards
2 pounds backs and necks
1 onion stuck with 2 cloves
1 stalk celery
12 peppercorns
Salt
3–4 pound roasting chicken
1 egg white
Egg shells

Combine the gizzards, backs, necks and seasonings in an 8-quart kettle and add about 5 quarts water. Bring to a boil and let boil vigorously for 10 minutes. Remove any scum that may rise from the meat. Reduce the heat and simmer for 2½ hours, covered. Remove cover, bring up the heat and let broth reduce a little. Strain and return to kettle with the whole chicken. Cook the chicken until just tender. Remove and retain for future use—it is excellent eaten cold or used for chicken hash or other chicken dishes. Add a slightly beaten egg white and egg shells to the broth and let simmer for 20 minutes. Strain through a linen cloth. Correct the seasoning. Serves 6.
Note: This is best made a day in advance and refrigerated so it can be easily skimmed.

Roast Rock Cornish Game Hen with Tarragon and Olives

1 teaspoon tarragon
6 small green olives
1 small onion, chopped
2 rashers bacon
1 game hen
Salt, pepper

Combine the tarragon, olives, onion and 1 rasher of bacon, cut into pieces; stuff the hen. Place second rasher across breast of hen. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast on a rack in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for approximately 45 minutes—15 minutes on each side and 15 minutes breast up. Serves 1.

Roast Rock Cornish Game Hen with Rice, Tarragon and Pine Nut Stuffing

1 medium onion, finely chopped
Butter
2 cups cooked rice
2 teaspoons tarragon
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
3 tablespoons cognac
¼ cup pine nuts
4 game hens

Sauté the onion in 6 tablespoons butter, add the rice, tarragon, salt, pepper, cognac and nuts and toss well. Stuff the game hens with the rice mixture and cover each vent with aluminum foil. Place the birds on a rack in a shallow pan.

Brush well with butter. Roast in a 350° oven for 15 minutes. Baste with melted butter and turn to opposite side. Roast 15 minutes. Place on backs and baste well. Continue roasting until nicely browned and tender—about 15 minutes. Serve at once with pan juices. Serves 4.

Braised Celery

5 celery hearts, split
Chicken or beef broth
Salt, freshly ground black pepper
2–3 tablespoons butter

Poach celery hearts in broth until just tender. Remove. Season dieter's portion (1 heart) with salt and pepper to taste. For nondieters, lightly brown remaining 4 hearts in butter in a skillet and season with salt and pepper to taste. Serves 5.
Variation: For nondieters, the braised celery is delicious served with poached marrow.

Apple Tart with Nutmeg Whipped Cream

1 recipe rich pastry
6–8 greening apples
2 tablespoons butter
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
Adolph's sugar substitute
1-pound jar apricot jam
1 cup heavy cream
Nutmeg to taste

Line a French flan ring or tart pan with the rich pastry. Chill or freeze. Save 1 apple for topping.

Peel and core the rest and cut them into sixths. Melt the butter in a heavy skillet. Add the apples, salt and vanilla and cover tightly. Steam until just tender, but not mushy. Add sugar substitute to taste if needed.

Fill the shell with the cooked apples and top with thin slices of the raw apple. Bake in a 375° oven for 35–40 minutes, or until browned and cooked through. Melt the apricot jam and spread the top of the tart with the melted jam. Whip the heavy cream with ½ teaspoon sugar substitute and nutmeg. Serve with tart. Serves 6. Dieters who like a sweet dessert may eat a 2" wedge—about 250 calories.

Dinner #8



FOR THE DIETER

SALADE NIÇOISE*
LIVER STEAK WITH BROILED ONIONS
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
LEMON SOUFFLÉ*



FOR NONDIETERS

SALADE NIÇOISE*
LIVER STEAK, BÉARNAISE SAUCE
ONIONS IN MADEIRA*
BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH ALMONDS
LEMON SOUFFLÉ*

Dieter's Salade Niçoise

2 or 3 leaves romaine
½ hard-cooked egg
1 tomato, peeled and cut into wedges
3 anchovy fillets
1 green pepper ring
Small portion tuna
3–4 onion rings

Arrange romaine in a bowl and top with the remaining ingredients. Lemon juice and mustard dressing, flavored with basil and garlic, may be added if desired. Serves 1.

Nondieters' Salade Niçoise

6 small new potatoes
Oil, vinegar, salt
20–24 anchovy fillets
7-ounce can white meat tuna in olive oil
4 hard-cooked eggs
4 smallish ripe tomatoes, peeled and cut into wedges, or 24 cherry tomatoes
⅔ cup black Italian or Greek olives
1 green pepper, seeded and cut into rings
1 onion, sliced and broken into rings

Boil potatoes, peel and slice while hot and marinate in oil and vinegar with salt to taste. At serving time, arrange all ingredients in a bowl. Serve with vinaigrette sauce flavored with garlic and basil if desired. Serves 4.

Onions in Madeira

4 tablespoons butter
2–3 large onions, cut into ½" slices
1 teaspoon salt
⅓ cup Madeira
Grated Parmesan cheese

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet and make a layer of the onion slices. Add the salt. Cover tightly and steam over low heat until the onions are just tender. Add the Madeira and sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Place in a 450 oven for 4–5 minutes. Serves 4.

Lemon Soufflé

3 egg yolks
5 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons lemon juice
Grated rind of 1 lemon
4 egg whites
¼ teaspoon salt

Beat the yolks and 4 tablespoons of the sugar together well. Add the lemon juice and rind. Beat the whites until they hold soft peaks. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar and the salt to the whites and continue beating until they are stiff but not dry. Fold the yolk mixture evenly into the whites. Pour into a 1-quart soufflé mold or into individual molds that have been buttered and sugared. Bake in a 400° oven about 10 minutes for the individual molds or 15–18 minutes for the 1-quart mold. Serve at once. Serves 6.

Dinner #9



FOR THE DIETER

CRAB MEAT WITH GARNISH*
MINUTE STEAK AU POIVRE*
SLICED BEEFSTEAK TOMATOES AND ONIONS
SLICED ORANGE, GRAND MARNIER



FOR NONDIETERS

CRAB MEAT RÉMOULADE*
MINUTE STEAK AU POIVRE À LA CREME*
FRENCH BREAD
SLICED BEEFSTEAK TOMATOES AND ONIONS
VINAIGRETTE
SLICED ORANGES, GRAND MARNIER
TUILES*

Crab Meat with Garnish

Arrange ½ cup lump crab meat on some greens. Garnish with a slice or two of hard-cooked egg and a few capers and dress with lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Serves 1.

Crab Meat Rémoulade

1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup chopped parsley
1 teaspoon tarragon
¼ cup chopped onion
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 cups crab meat
Salad greens
1 hard-cooked egg, finely chopped
Capers

For rémoulade sauce, combine mayonnaise with the parsley, tarragon, onion, garlic and mustard and allow to stand for an hour or so. Arrange crab meat on greens, dress with sauce and garnish with chopped egg and capers. Serves 4.



Minute Steak Au Poivre

Press freshly crushed black pepper into a small minute steak—about 6 ounces. Broil quickly under brisk heat until sufficiently rare. Salt, and just before serving flambé with 2 tablespoons heated cognac.

Minute Steak Au Poivre à la Creme

Crushed pepper to taste
4 minute steaks, about ½" thick
4 tablespoons beef fat, finely chopped
Salt
¼ cup cognac
2 tablespoons glacé de viande or meat glaze
1 cup heavy cream

Press crushed pepper into the steaks with the heel of your hand. Let them stand at room temperature for an hour before cooking. Melt the beef fat in a large skillet over medium heat until pan is very hot, sear the steaks on both sides and reduce the heat slightly. Continue cooking until they have achieved the state of rareness you prefer. Salt to taste. Add the cognac and ignite. When the flames die down, add the meat glaze and turn the steaks quickly to color them on the other side. Remove to a hot platter. Add the cream to the pan, let it cook down quickly and pour into a small serving dish. Spoon over the steaks. Serves 4.

Tuiles

3 egg whites
¼ cup confectioners' sugar
⅓ cup sifted flour
¼ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon cognac
¼ cup finely chopped blanched almonds

Beat the egg whites until they are foamy and beat in the sugar a little at a time until the whites are stiff and the sugar is well blended. Add the flour, salt and melted butter and fold in well. Add the vanilla, cognac and nuts. Fold lightly.

Drop by teaspoons on a buttered cookie sheet. Bake in a 350° oven approximately 9–10 minutes until they are brown around the edges. Remove from the pan with a spatula and fold around a rolling pin to bend slightly. Cool on a rack. Makes 24–28 Tuiles.



Dinner #10



FOR THE DIETER

SHRIMP WITH LEMON
BASS FLAMBÉ AUX AROMATES*
BOILED POTATO
GRILLED TOMATOES PROVENÇALE*
FRESH RASPBERRIES FLAVORED WITH CASSIS



FOR NONDIETERS

SHRIMP WITH MAYONNAISE
BASS FLAMBÉ AUX AROMATES
WITH LEMON BUTTER*
BOILED PARSLIED POTATOES
GRILLED TOMATOES PROVENÇALE*
RASPBERRIES MELBA*

Bass Flambé aux Aromates

Oil
1 *smallish bass per person (or if you can find good-sized stripers, allow* 1 *or* 2 *stripers for* 4*)*
Dried fennel branches
Salt, pepper
¼ cup cognac, heated
Parsley, wet
Lemon, cut in slices or wedges

Place foil on a broiling rack, leaving enough extra foil on the sides so that you may use it to turn the fish over midway in its cooking. Brush the foil with oil, arrange fish on top, brush fish with oil and broil about 4″ from the heating unit until it flakes easily when tested with a fork or toothpick. Cooking time depends, naturally, upon size of the fish.

Arrange dried fennel branches on a hot platter—a metal one is best for this. Remove the fish to the platter. Season it with salt and pepper, pour heated cognac over it and ignite. The dried herbs should burn and impart their flavor and perfume to the fish. Traditionally the flames are put out with wet parsley.

Serve the fish at once, with slices of lemon for dieters and Lemon Butter for nondieters.
Note: Dried fennel branches may be bought in certain specialty food shops. If not available, substitute well-dried fennel tops.

Lemon Butter

½ cup butter
Grated rind of 1 *lemon*
2 *tablespoons lemon juice*
Dash Tabasco

Melt the butter, add lemon rind and juice and keep warm. Add Tabasco just before serving.

Grilled Tomatoes Provençale

4 *tomatoes, cut in halves*
Oil
2 *cloves garlic, finely chopped*
Salt, pepper
Fresh basil leaves, chopped, or dried basil
Chopped parsley

Arrange tomatoes on a broiling pan and brush lightly with oil. Place under the broiler, about 5″–6″ from the heating unit so that they cook slowly. When they are heated through and bubbly, add the chopped garlic and salt and pepper and return to the broiler for several minutes. Add chopped basil and parsley and serve at once. Serves 4.

Raspberries Melba

Arrange a scoop of vanilla ice cream in each serving dish. Surround with fresh raspberries, anoint with crème de Cassis and top with whipped cream and toasted sliced almonds.

Dinner #11



FOR THE DIETER

OYSTERS WITH LEMON
POULE AU POT*
STUFFED CABBAGE LEAF*
RICE VEGETABLES
ENDIVE WITH BEETS
GRANITA DI CAFFÈ*



FOR NONDIETERS

OYSTERS WITH WHITE WINE
(A MUSCADET OR CHABLIS)
POULE AU POT WITH VELOUTÉ SAUCE*
STUFFED CABBAGE LEAVES*
RICE VEGETABLES
ENDIVE AND BEET SALAD
GRANITA DI CAFFÈ WITH WHIPPED CREAM*

Poule Au Pot

1 *large roasting chicken, about* 3½–4 *pounds*
4 *carrots*
4 *leeks*
4 *onions*
2 *turnips*
Salt, freshly ground pepper
1 *teaspoon thyme*
1 *head cabbage (about* 3 *pounds)*

Place the chicken with the vegetables in enough water to cover ⅔ of the chicken. Add salt, freshly ground pepper and thyme. Poach about 50 minutes, or until the chicken is just about done. Remove to a casserole with a little of the broth to keep warm. Add the whole cabbage to the rest of the broth and cook for 15 minutes, or until it is just blanched. Remove and cool until easy to handle. Remove the vegetables from the broth and place in covered casserole with the chicken.

For nondieters, make a rich velouté sauce to serve with Poule au Pot: Combine in a heavy pan 3 tablespoons butter and 4 tablespoons flour. Cook for 4 minutes and add 1 cup strained chicken broth. Stir until the mixture is thickened. Add 1 cup heavy cream mixed with 3 egg yolks and stir until well thickened, but do not let it boil. Correct the seasoning.

To serve, carve the chicken, surround with Stuffed Cabbage Leaves and the vegetables, and heap rice at each end of the platter. Serve at once. The dieter may have 1 cabbage leaf and ½ cup rice, but no sauce.

Stuffed Cabbage Leaves

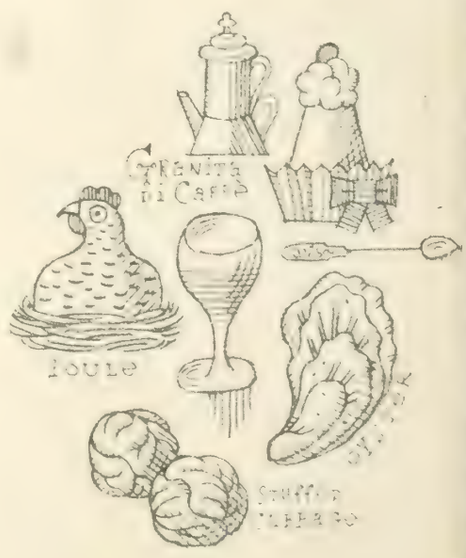
1 *large onion, finely chopped*
1 *pound pork, ground*
4 *chicken livers, finely chopped*
½ *pound mushrooms, finely chopped*
½ *cup chopped parsley*
½ *teaspoon thyme*
1 *head cabbage (about* 3 *pounds), cooked in chicken broth*
Broth from chicken

Sauté the onion, pork, livers, mushrooms, parsley and thyme for about 15 minutes in a heavy skillet. Separate the leaves of the cooked cabbage and fill them with the sautéed mixture. Roll and place in a saucepan. Cover with broth and poach for 30 minutes. Serves 4–6.
Note: Leftover stuffed cabbage leaves are also good cold.

Granita di Caffè

8 *tablespoons Italian-roast coffee, ground for Espresso*
Artificial sugar to taste
4 *cups boiling water*

Combine the coffee, artificial sugar and boiling water in a glass or pottery coffee maker. Steep for 30–40 minutes. Let cool and strain through a filter paper. Freeze in ice trays or other container, stirring several times during the freezing process. Serve in sherbet glasses, topping nondieters' portions with whipped cream. Serves 4–6.





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Good Housekeeping

Check list for the calorie conscious

Although there are many handy calorie counters available that are small enough to fit in a handbag, it isn't always possible to consult your pocket oracle when you are in a restaurant or dining with friends. It's easy, though, to fix in your mind the foods that are loaded with or light in calories and discreetly adjust your eating accordingly. Calories are unpredictable. Who would imagine that a mere slice of watermelon could rack up 168 calories, more than a serving of flank steak (158), a cup of cooked rice (136), or even half a Florida avocado (160)?

As it is not possible here to give calorie counts for every kind of food, the following check list singles out those that are especially high or low in calories and then gives calorie counts for specific foods you should either include in your daily diet or can eat in moderation as the craving takes you. (Calorie counts vary from book to book. Ours are from "Food Values of Portions Commonly Used," published by J. B. Lippincott Co.) Remember, a balanced diet should include daily servings from each of the four basic food groups: dairy products; meats, eggs, poultry and fish; vegetables and fruit; breads and cereals. Also bear in mind that a sustaining diet for an average, moderately active person is 15 calories for every pound you weigh and that a pound of weight represents 3,500 calories. To lose one pound a week, you should cut your intake by 500 calories a day.

High-calorie foods

Nuts, coconut, dried fruits. Watermelon.

Fruits canned in syrup. Syrups and sugars. Jams, marmalade, preserves.

Canned or bottled juices: grape, guava, pomegranate, prune.

Starchy vegetables such as lima beans, green peas, sweet potatoes, corn, parsnips. Baked mashed winter squash. Dried peas and beans, chick peas and lentils.

Soups: cream, bean, pea, oyster stew.

Cream: heavy, light, sour, half-and-half. Ice cream, sherbet, milk shakes, ice cream sodas, eggnog, cocoa, chocolate drinks. Baked custard.

Oils and fats. Fried foods.

Breaded foods, bread stuffings.

Most sandwiches, especially club sandwiches, hot sandwiches with gravy.

Muffins, biscuits, rolls, buns, popovers, French toast, pancakes, cornsticks, tea breads, crackers.

Pies, pastries, layer cakes, cookies, doughnuts, coffee cake, candies.

Pâté de foie. Peanut butter. Potato chips.

Pasta with meat sauce or butter and cheese.

Low-calorie foods

Coffee, black, no sugar. Tea, plain or with lemon.

Skim milk, buttermilk made from skim milk, skim milk cottage cheese.

Fresh raw fruit, especially apples, blackberries, blueberries, cantaloupe, cherries, grapefruit, grapes, honeydew melon, oranges, papaya, peaches, pineapple, plums, red raspberries, strawberries, tangerines.

Cranberry juice, lemon and lime juice, tomato juice.

Eggs.

Fish and shellfish.

Meats, lean or trimmed of fat, broiled, roasted, pot-roasted, boiled. Lean hamburger, frankfurters, meat loaf. Brains, heart, kidneys, liver, sweetbreads, tongue, tripe. (Servings for meats, between 2 and 4 ounces.)

Poultry and game.

Soups: bouillon, consommé, turtle.

Vegetables, raw or plainly cooked, no sauce or butter: artichokes, asparagus, bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, endive, escarole, lettuce, mushrooms, onions, scallions, snow peas, peppers, pimientos, radishes, sauerkraut, string beans, spinach, summer squash, tomatoes, turnips.

Calorie count for specific foods

(c represents calorie)

Appetizers

Anchovy (3 fillets, 20 c). Anchovy paste (1 teaspoon, 14 c).

Caviar (1 teaspoon, 24 c, on 1½" toast square, 46 c). Clam dip, sour cream (3 teaspoons, 24 c). Onion dip, sour cream (3 teaspoons, 31 c). Olives, green, medium (2, 13 c). Pistachio nuts (15 nuts, 44 c).

Breads, crackers, cereals and starches

French bread (1 slice, 54 c). Hard roll (95 c). Hollywood special

formula bread (1 slice, 46 c). Melba toast (1 piece, 23 c). Rye bread (1 slice, 57 c). Ry-Krisp (2 pieces, 42 c). Saltines (2, 28 c). Thomas' Protein Bread (1 slice, 45 c). Tortilla (1, 6″ diam. 21 c). White bread (1 slice, 63 c). Whole-wheat bread (1 slice, 55 c).

Rice, white (⅔ cup cooked, 103 c). brown (¾ cup cooked, 102 c). Wild rice (⅔ cup cooked, 103 c). Cracked wheat (⅔ cup cooked, 92 c). Noodles (1 cup cooked, plain, 107 c). Macaroni, spaghetti (⅔ cup cooked, plain, 107 c).

Puffed rice (1 cup, 51 c). Puffed wheat (1 cup, 43 c). Potato (1 medium, baked, no butter, 98 c).

Dairy products

Butter. margarine (1 tablespoon, 100c). Milk, whole (½ pt., 161c). Milk, skim (½ pt., 81 c).

Cheeses: American Cheddar, Roquefort (1 oz., 111 c). Blue (1 oz., 103 c), Camembert (1 oz., 84 c). Cream (1 oz., 97 c). Edam (1 oz., 87 c). Gruyère (1 oz., 115 c). Liederkranz (1 oz., 85 c). Mysost (1 oz., 70 c). Parmesan (1 oz., 110 c, 1 tbsp. grated, 20 c). Swiss (1 oz., 104 c).

Desserts, cakes, candies

Angel food cake or sponge cake (1/10 average cake, 145 c). Dark fruit cake (1 slice, 3″ x 2¾″ x ½″, 142 c). Pound cake (1 slice, 3″ x 2¾″ x ⅝″, 130 c). Jell-O, plain (1 serving, 65 c). Lemon gelatin (⅔ cup, 109 c). Junket (made with ⅛ qt. milk, 107 c). Lady fingers (2 small, 37 c). Lemon sponge or snow, plain (1 serving, 114 c). Mints, cream (10 mints, 53 c).

Sauces

Apple, unsweetened (¼ cup, 25 c). Chili (1 tablespoon, 17 c). Tomato (¼ cup, 79 c). Tomato catsup (1 tablespoon, 17 c). Soy (1 tablespoon, 8 c). Worcestershire (1 teaspoon, 4 c).

Soups, condensed canned (based on 1 serving, 3 to a can)

Beef broth (23 c). Beef noodle, beef vegetable (58 c). Chicken noodle (51 c). Chicken rice (32 c). Chicken vegetable (65 c). Creole Gumbo (58 c). Onion (52 c).

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ally found that Venezuela, despite poor Bolivar's efforts, was a treacherous and unstable headquarters for a growing firm. There was an understandable unwillingness to invest capital in such a restless state. So the Siegerts left (secretly, for the government would never have let such a prosperous business out of the country) and settled in Port of Spain, Trinidad. They are still there.

Angostura's use is not limited to drinks. Soups, salads, vegetables, gravies, fish, grapefruit, fruit salad, stewed prunes, stewed figs, preserved fruits, jellies, sherbets, ices, ice cream, sauces for puddings, hard sauces, plum pudding, mince and fruit pies, applesauce "and all similar desserts" are mentioned on the label as benefiting from its use. Angostura crops up in more mixed drinks than we could name, and soft drinks, too, but its special sphere of influence is designated by the word "pink."

Pink Gin is dry gin and Angostura. The method and quantity are very personal things, but a good guide, and a good way of mixing the ingredients is to pour half a teaspoonful of Angostura into a glass, swill it around, and pour it out again. Then add a lump of ice to the glass and as much gin as you like. The ingredients blend perfectly. Some like Pink Gin with an equal quantity of water.

The newest and most ingenious way of exerting the subtle influence of Angostura on a drink is by using Pink Ice. Add about two drops per cube to the water when you are making ice, so that it turns pink. The aroma of the bitters is trapped until the ice begins to melt in your glass.

Use Pink Ice in almost any summer drink from lemonade to a Collins. It goes equally well in an Old Fashioned and a glass of Russian tea. The taste should not be strong, but barely noticeable. Whatever rare plants lurk in the dark confines of Dr. Siegert's invention freshen and enrich everything they come in contact with.

Peychaud's Bitters, while difficult to find outside the state of Louisiana, has been enjoyed for generations in many of the traditional drinks of New Orleans, such as a Sazerac. It is similar to Angostura in color and flavor, although slightly more pungent.

Amer Picon (*amer* is the French for bitter), black as it looks, is not as strong in either flavor or alcohol as Angostura. Angostura is only dripped into drinks; Picon and the rest of the bitters family are drunk.

Picon comes as near as any bitters to giving the game away

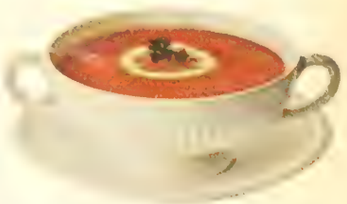
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about its ingredients. It is based, it admits, on orange, quinine and gentian roots—three ingredients that probably occur in all bitters in some degree. The technique of making is about the same for all, too: the flavorings are steeped in pure alcohol and distilled water for a certain length of time, sometimes in glass tanks, sometimes in casks of Slavonian oak. Then the flavored spirit is filtered away and mixed with an appropriate amount of sugar syrup, colored, matured a while, bottled and drunk.

In France Picon is most often drunk simply diluted with water and sweetened with a dash of Grenadine syrup. Grenadine is, in fact, very often used in conjunction with bitters—more to the advantage of the Grenadine than of the bitters. Picon's best partner is the orange, which is after all one of its ingredients. The "Picon Picon" is made with a measure of Amer Picon, a measure of fresh orange juice and a dash of soda. (Fizzy orangeade is distinctly second best in this mixture.)

Campari must be the biggest selling bitters of all. It is as smart to drink Campari in Scotland as it is to drink Scotch in Milan. Unlike Angostura, and to some extent Picon, Campari is not a subtle flavoring agent for other drinks, but a drink in its own delicious right.

Gaspare Campari learned his trade in Turin, although the Campari café became famous in its present site on the corner of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele in the center of Milan. The Galleria is actually a huge shopping arcade, the favorite promenade of the gentry of the city. There they stroll and, sitting down for a rest, call for a Campari soda. The waiter takes them to mean the little single-measure bottle, in which the soda is already mixed with the Campari. Sticklers sometimes call for the big red bottle and a syphon for the pleasure of doing it themselves. The redness of Campari is one of its most attractive attributes. It is clear pale garnet.

Campari, although bitter, is distinctly less so than most of the other drinks in this category. Its taste, like the taste of any bitters, comes as a bit of a surprise at first. But it is acquired very quickly—quicker still through the intermediary stages of the Americano and the Negroni.

The Americano is simply equal quantities of Campari and sweet red vermouth with a twist of lemon in a glass of cracked ice, with or without soda. The Negroni is the same with the addition of gin in the same quantity as the first two ingredients, and with or without the ice.

Fernet Branca was the prescription of the Swedish Dr. Fernet at the time of a cholera epidemic. This does not sound like a very promising start for a drink, but its gastronomic qualities outlived its original purpose, as Angostura's survived the Bolivar campaign, to establish it as a digestion-promoting apéritif. Fernet Branca also has the reputation of being a last-resort head-clearer for the morning after a party. There are even those who recommend it half-and-half with brandy for this purpose; others put it in their coffee. Its distinguishing ingredient is rhubarb.

The Branca Cocktail is made with 1 measure of gin, ¾ measure Italian vermouth and ¼ measure Fernet Branca, stirred with ice and a slice of lemon.

Orange and Peach Bitters are less aromatic, simpler and more distinctively fruity than their more sophisticated counterpart, Angostura. Where their particular tastes are desired, in soft drinks or in cooking, they are effective flavoring essences.

Punt e Mes. The name means "point-and-a-half" in Italian. The story goes that the drink was the favorite in a café frequented by stockbrokers. The proprietor borrowed a term he often heard in their speech. The sign-language gesture that accompanied it—one straight finger and one crooked one—still constitutes an order for a Punt e Mes in some very well-traveled bars.

The drink is not strictly speaking a bitters. We are moving away into the world of what should properly be called apéritifs. Punt e Mes lies somewhere between an Italian vermouth and a Campari. Its base, unlike that of a real bitters, is wine rather than spirits; the bitterness is due to quinine. Byrrh, Dubonnet, Lillet, St. Raphael—all the popular French apéritifs—are cast in a similar mold.

Punt e Mes is perhaps the finest "bitter vermouth." It is very sweet and at the same time extremely bitter—a cross-current of taste that makes it extraordinarily appetizing. It is best drunk on the rocks, or with a splash of soda.

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But to most cookers-out, the chief advantage of radiant broiling is not so much the speed as the flavor and succulence that this method of cooking gives. The reason for this is that infra-red radiation is a fundamentally different type of heat transfer from the other two commonly used in cooking—conduction and convection. In conduction, the underside of a frying pan draws heat from the flame below and passes it up to the surface where it can get at the bacon and eggs. In convection—the usual way an oven works—the source heats the air and the air heats the food. Radiant waves, on the other hand, pass through air without warming it, transferring their intense heat only when they reach a solid object such as a steak on a grill—or your body, if you happen to sit in front of a

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Seven different makes of radiant gas grill are presently in national distribution, ranging in price from $49.95 to $200. Two have the heat source above the grid and five have the heat source below, under a bed of ceramic briquettes. The gas grills with the heat source above need no more than a minute's preheating and give a natural broiled flavor. Those in which the ceramic briquettes are heated by a gas burner need an initial preheating of 10 to 15 minutes before the briquettes can throw off sufficient infra-red heat for cooking. With the latter type, you get the popular smoky flavor that comes from the carbonization of drippings on a fire, commonly identified as a "charcoal-broiled" taste (the "charcoal-broiled" steaks served in many restaurants are actually cooked this way).

Of the grills with the heat source above, one is a compact portable that works on bottled or natural gas, the other (see below) is styled like a cart, can be wheeled about the terrace to any point where there is a gas outlet. The five grills with ceramic briquettes can be permanently mounted on posts sunk a couple of feet into the ground. Made mainly of cast-aluminum, guaranteed against weather and rust, they can be left outdoors, with a protective heavy plastic covering, all winter—and in case you get a sudden urge to cook outdoors on a sunny winter day, low temperature does not impair their cooking efficiency. All gas grills are equipped with a safety factor—burner control knobs that are either detachable or lockable, so there is no danger of small fingers turning them on out of curiosity.

Gas grills may be operated from a gas main connection or on bottled (LP) propane gas. The cost of operation with ordinary gas is low (from 1 to 5 cents an hour, depending on local utility rates), but you may have to reckon on installation costs. Some companies include these costs in the price of the grill. If not, you have to pay the local utility company, which may charge anywhere between $20 and $50 to connect the grill to the gas main. Propane gas, although more convenient, is more expensive. Exactly how expensive depends on the size of the bottles (the large are more economical) and where you buy them—at a discount house, hardware store or sporting goods store. A small bottle will burn for about 1½ hours and the cost works out about $1 an hour, which seems high. However, if your gas grill is portable,

A mobile marvel, this grill can move to any point that has a gas connection, doubles as terrace heater





Grill-on-a-cart has twin infra-red burners in hood, which tilts to five positions for cooking, heating. Broiling rack adjusts to five heights; space below it can hold drip pan, or you can line grill with heavy-duty aluminum foil for easy clean-up. Perfection Schwank, $150.

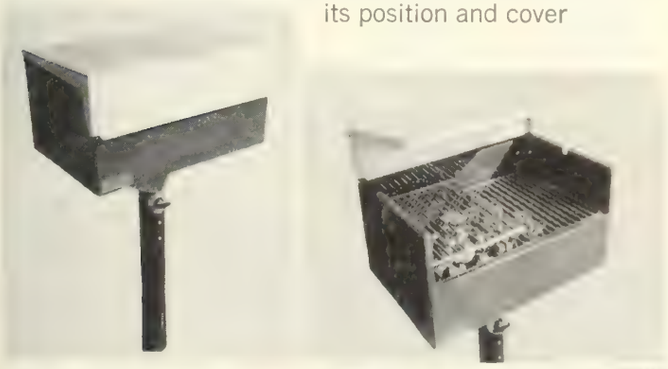
you can cook a batch of thick rare hamburgers at the beach or on the tailgate of a station wagon on 15 cents' worth of bottled gas.

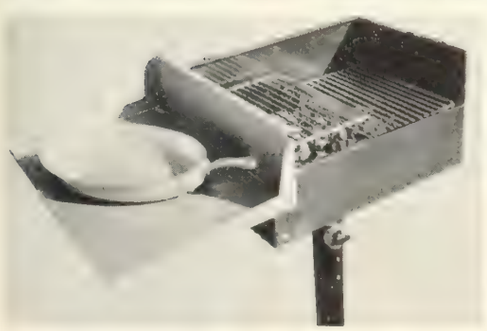
Directions for cooking on gas grills vary, due to differences in design and heat output. With some, you can alter the position of the grid or turn the heat control to high, medium or low. In the cart-style gas grill, the hood containing the radiant heat source can be lowered to different positions for hot broiling, low-temperature broiling, rotisserie cooking, browning a baked Alaska or finishing a gratinée. Grid-level temperatures on this and other gas grills can be scaled down from well over 500° to as low as 275° for slow cooking or 150° for warming.

While you usually ignite and preheat a gas grill with the heat on a high setting, you should not completely close the hood of the grill—if it has one—as this builds up a fierce blast of heat. This also applies if the heat is turned up after cooking to burn off any food particles that have fallen on the bed of briquettes—leave a small air space. An instruction manual (and in some cases, a cook book) comes with each grill and it is a good idea to study it before starting to cook. Once you have a thorough grasp of the workings of the grill, you can start to experiment with grid positions, heat settings and the finer points of gas-grill cooking.

You'll discover that a radiant grill can do just about anything. At a recent outdoor demonstration at New York's Tavern-on-the-Green, chefs prepared skewered shrimp and chicken livers, boned goose stuffed with prunes and apples, grilled fish, turkey and Swiss cheese fondue, as well as broiled meats. You can also use the grill to heat frozen foods, prepare hot hors d'oeuvres, grilled sandwiches and biscuits. A complete meal can be prepared at one time—the meat in the center, frozen vegetables at the rear and rolls or biscuits in front. On one grill, which has a tiltable grid, steaks can be cooked rare, medium and well-done all at once. The little bit of smoke that reaches a rare steak during its few minutes on the grill may be enough for you, but if you want flavor above and beyond that produced by burning drippings, more intense smoke cooking can be done by laying shavings or chips or twigs from hickory, apple and sugar maple trees on the briquettes.

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How to make sawdust mâché beads

Sawdust can be begged or bought from a lumberyard or a carpentry shop. How much you need is almost impossible to estimate exactly, since it depends on the size and number of beads required for the screen you have in mind and on the grade of the sawdust. So it is best to get a large shopping bag full and later throw away what you don't use. The sawdust you get will probably be a mixture of fine and coarse grades. The finer the sawdust the smoother your beads will be; coarse sawdust produces textured beads. You can sift it to whatever degree of fineness you want. You will also need either wallpaper paste powder, a pound of which should go pretty far, or about a quart of Liquitex polymer medium to make a doorway or window screen.

Make the beads in small batches at a time, otherwise the doughlike mixture will dry out. Begin by mixing wallpaper paste powder with ½ to ¾ cup water to a medium-thick solution. Add inks or tempera paints to achieve the color you want. (If you want to use the beads outdoors, substitute Liquitex polymer medium for the wallpaper paste solution and use Liquitex paints.) Stir in sawdust until the mixture reaches a doughlike consistency that can be easily handled and rolled.

Scoop out a small amount of dough and roll it between your palms into a round ball. Make beads in a variety of sizes for contrast when they are strung together. When you have rolled about a dozen beads, pierce them with a darning needle or toothpick before they begin to dry out, to make the channel for thread. Put the beads aside to dry for two to three days, depending upon the size of the bead and the grade of the sawdust (coarse sawdust dries faster than fine).

How to make papier-mâché beads

Wad newspaper into a ball and secure with masking tape. Using a thick solution of wallpaper paste powder and water (or Liquitex polymer medium if the beads are going outdoors), dip ½-inch strips of newspaper into the paste and wind them around the paper ball. Repeat until the surface of the ball is completely covered. Smooth over with the palms of your hands to get a fairly compact roundish shape, but bear in mind, of course, that the surface is intended to be somewhat crinkly and irregular. Make as many balls as you need and set aside to dry.

When the beads are dry, pierce a threading hole through each with a long, sharp darning needle or an awl. Paint the dry balls with tempera paints (or Liquitex paints or exterior enamels if you are making an outdoor screen), laying on an even coat of one color, allowing it to dry, and then brushing over lightly with a second color to highlight and emphasize the textured irregularities of the surface. Finally, if the beads are painted with tempera, seal them with a spray coat of plastic varnish such as Varathane.

How to make plastic beads

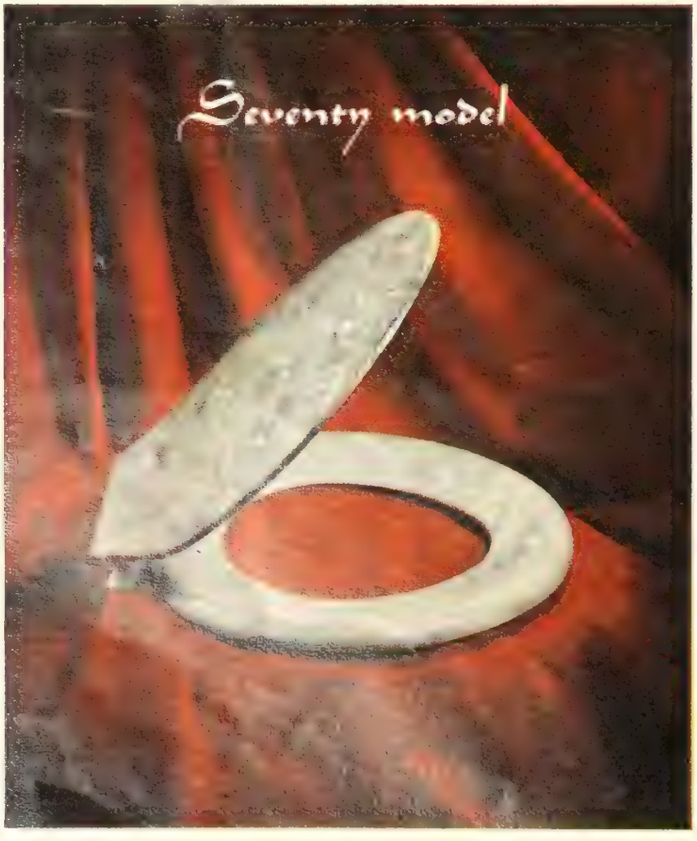
Plexiglas is the most satisfactory kind of colored plastic to use for it comes in jewel-like colors in sheets ⅛ to ¼ inch thick and can be bought by the square foot. If the Plexiglas comes paper-covered, do not remove the paper until the shapes are cut out. First, draw several elliptical shapes or simple motifs on a piece of paper, folding them in the center to be sure they are symmetrical. Trace the shapes onto the paper surface of the Plexiglas and saw them out. Sand the edges smooth. If the Plexiglas comes without a paper covering, use a wax crayon to draw the shapes.

To string the shapes like beads, drill a small hole in the upper and lower edge of each and tie them together with short strips of nylon line. Hung together this way, the beads will revolve slightly with the air currents. If you want them to remain stationary, drill two holes on the upper and lower edges of both ends of each shape and tie the pieces together at both ends.

How to make clay beads

These beads look like cookies, are made somewhat like cookies, and are almost as quick to turn out. Use ceramic clay—a self-hardening type if the beads are for indoor use, or a type that must be kiln-fired if the beads are going outdoors. (When you buy the clay, ask about local kilns—a ceramic studio, say, would have one.)

Pat a lump of clay flat with your hands, or roll it out with a rolling pin until you have a flat-sided cake about ¼-inch thick. Cut out a variety of simple shapes with cookie cutters. To make very small discs, roll a bit of clay into a ball, then press flat with thumb.



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There are two ways you can link up the clay pieces. The method that works best for a short fixed screen—a section of a window or room divider, perhaps—is to attach the clay beads to welding rods. Welding rods are usually 30 inches long and are sold in large hardware stores. You press a welding rod into the face of each shape while the clay is still soft. This forms the groove where the rod will be glued later. When the clay is dry, have the pieces fired in a kiln for a tough, permanent, outdoor finish.

Before attaching the welding rods to the clay pieces, clean the rods thoroughly to remove any traces of grease, then go over the surface with sandpaper to produce a slightly roughened finish that will better adhere to the clay. Place the rods flat on a table. Using epoxy, glue the clay pieces to the rods, placing some pieces under the rods, others on top to eliminate a front or back look to the finished screen.

An alternate method of attaching the clay pieces together is to perforate each clay shape at the top and bottom with a darning needle or toothpick while the clay is still soft. After the clay is dry or fired, tie the shapes together with nylon line. If you want to color the clay pieces, paint them after the firing with Liquitex paints, which are permanent and weatherproof.

How to make balsa wood beads

Since balsa wood is very porous, you do best to use these beads for indoor screens. Draw circles, ovals or other simple geometric shapes on pieces of balsa wood not less than 1/16-inch thick. Cut the shapes out with an electric jig saw or an exacto knife and sand the edges lightly.

Stain the beads in several shades of brown (if you want to preserve the wood look) with liquid shoe polish, or paint them with oils thinned with turpentine. To link up the pieces, glue them with clear-drying glue to a length of carpet thread (not nylon fishing line in this case as it will not adhere to the balsa wood), alternating the balsa wood shapes here and there with small round wood beads for variation.

How to make rolled paper beads

Since these beads are very lightweight, they are excellent for curtains that will be parted, such as in a window or doorway. For a variegated color effect, use multicolored magazine pages. For solid-color beads, use sheets of solid-color fadeless paper available at art supply stores. If you use the latter, cut them down to the size of a magazine page, approximately 9 by 13 inches.

Cut the sheets of paper into long triangular strips an inch or so wide at the base. (The longer the triangle, the thicker the bead will be. Also, the width at the base of the triangle determines the length of the finished bead.) Beginning at the base of the paper triangle, start rolling. When the bead is half rolled, apply glue from there to the point and continue rolling. When beads are thoroughly dry, string them together end to end, using a darning needle and nylon fishing line and alternating the paper beads with round wood beads.

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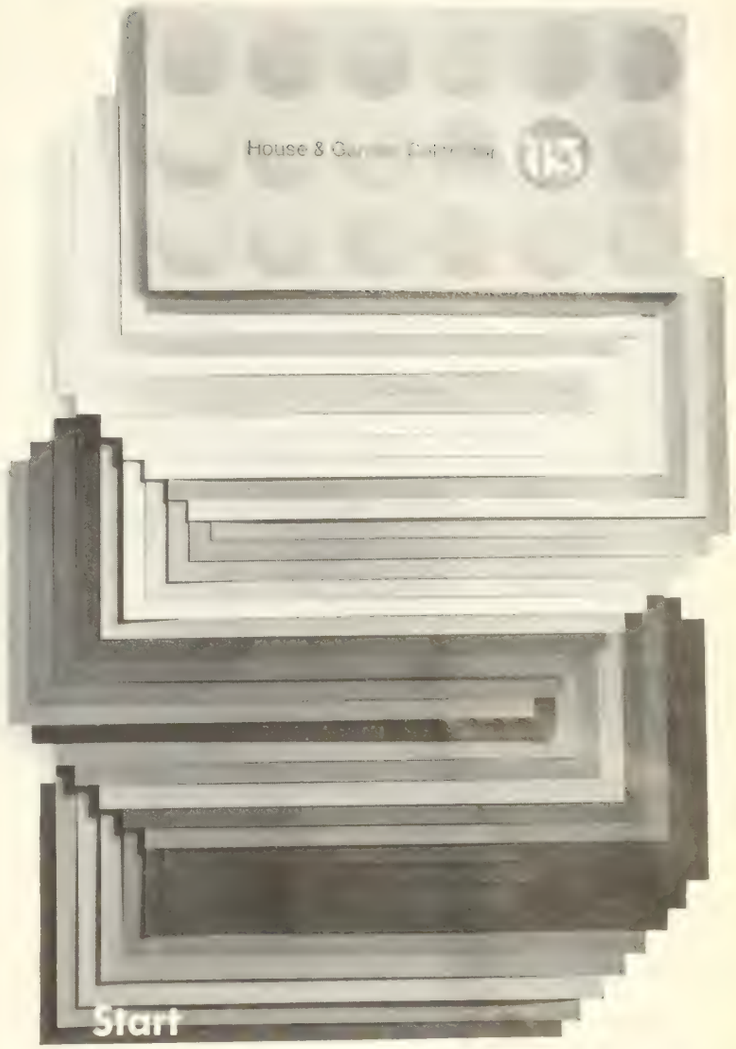
And while this may present a conflict between the summer warmth of the temperate lands and the sounds of Sibelian Finland, perhaps it may function as a form of esthetic air conditioning. The Japanese, after all, perform ghost plays in summer in order to chill the spectators.

When music matches the season and climate fittingly, however, a supreme charm ensues. Delius, for one, is as open-air as a French impressionist painter. He even titles his works to invite outdoor listening—"In a Summer Garden," "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring," "Brigg Fair." The great French colorists—Debussy, Ravel, Roussel—paint their sound pictures as delicately as atmospheres, and they blend and reflect the tranquil and intimate circumstances of outdoor listening beautifully.

Perhaps summer's outdoor music is not the best in intellectual depth or abstract profundities. Save these for winter's nights. But for sweet, half-attended delight, romantic and modern music in the air is perfect. It belongs here and now, more than to any other time of the musical year.

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Down the hill from the main house stands the two-room studio-guest house, well secluded in its grove of trees

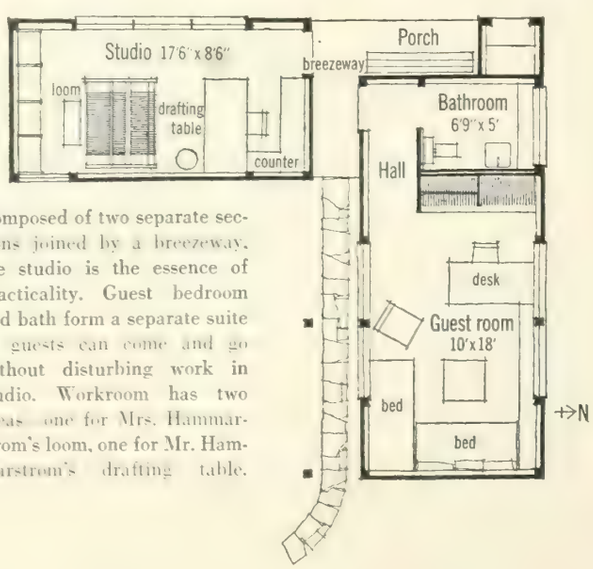


Low, flat-topped studio of weathered spruce boards is in the style of the Hammarstroms' main house. Awning windows from floor to ceiling flood both of the rooms with light, provide plenty of ventilation and can also be left open during storms without the slightest danger of rain coming in.

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One of the two rooms doubles as guest room and a quiet study, is furnished with a pair of low platform beds angled space-savingly into one corner. A desk near the door is handy for writing, and there is also space for setting up an easel if either artist wants to paint in a room apart.



Composed of two separate sections joined by a breezeway, the studio is the essence of practicality. Guest bedroom and bath form a separate suite so guests can come and go without disturbing work in studio. Workroom has two areas—one for Mrs. Hammarstrom's loom, one for Mr. Hammarstrom's drafting table.

converted houses and cavernous basements which the store has taken over, are gorgeously theatrical. Mirrors, lanterns, rugs, bird cages, palms, velvet camp stools, rough hide chairs and cupboards with façades as richly wrought as a thousand icons are all gay and glittery, and yet undershot with something savage; the best, in fact, of Spain.

Pimlico Road is a perfect example of a little London village. Where it joins the much older Ebury Street (Mozart's house is a hundred yards up on the left) a tiny open triangle contains a church, pub, greengrocer and all the elements of village life. But the simplicity is overlaid with the sophistication of Dumez-Onoff's antiques, Pupo's Spain and Geoffrey Benison's corner shop full of the ostentation of another age.

Starting to walk down the King's Road from Sloane Square, visitors sometimes lose heart, and come away wondering what all the fuss was about. The first quarter of a mile is a perfectly ordinary high street, although a high street thronged with the actors and aristocrats who compose an amazingly high proportion of Chelsea's population.

Here and there among the grocers and pharmacists is an outcrop of sophistication: Aram Designs, the most outrageously simple, functional and expensive modern furniture shop in London, leaning strongly towards Italian design: John Michael, who set out almost singlehandedly to break Englishmen of their traditionally dowdy dressing habits (judging by the gorgeous plumage of the Chelsea set and the numbers of his imitators, his efforts were well timed), and Bazaar, where Mary Quant has done the same, only even more so, for women.

Then suddenly the King's Road changes; every other shop for a good half-mile is an antique shop. Here is the biggest concentration of antique dealers in London. They range from near-junk to the one-piece-in-the-window. Prices are strongly competitive, and bargaining is by no means unknown.

This is the real heart of Chelsea, the village which artists found irresistible in the last century, where Turner, Whistler and Rossetti lived and painted, where every house in one street has a studio.

Restaurants cluster thickly here, too. The Chelsea restaurant is the complete opposite of the Soho kind. The style is informal, the waiters are apparently amateurs, the menu is limited. If you choose well or luckily, you may have a more exciting meal than in more smoothly run establishments, but temperament is brandished freely so it is as well to go forewarned.



Amusing bygones of a vanished age are the stock-in-trade of "Dodo," a shop in the Portobello Road run by two young designers. London, once a staid shopping mecca, has been revitalized by such young, lively ventures.

The best of the Chelsea restaurants serve very much their own kind of food. The smart thing to do is to go along with the proprietor, who as likely as not will take your order, and have what he recommends. The names to look for are Chanterelle (Old Brompton Road; good restrained modern decoration, Chelsea's best-cooked food and most civil service), Nick's Diner (Ifield Road; more flamboyant and hectic, very fashionable and crowded, good cooking), Au Père de Nico (Laurence Street; backyard bistro with almost grand-hotel prices and a distinguished clientele), Le Carrosse (Elystan Street; rich, original, influential decoration, clientele and food). There are twenty more, and everybody in Chelsea has an unshakable loyalty to one or the other of them.

Kensington, collector's haunt

Nobody could describe the Kensington of today as a village. Grand-manner development in the Eighteen Sixties left vast impersonal terraces in the place of the old village houses and substituted broad carriageways for lanes. But Church Street, which runs up the west side of Kensington Gardens and provides access to Kensington Palace (the eighteenth-century Royal Court, birthplace of Queen Victoria and present home of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon), remains the narrow, winding and chaotic village street it always was. For the collector Church Street is most remarkable for its old china and ornament shops and its antique silver dealers. It foreshadows the Portobello Road, half a mile further north, where every Saturday it seems as though the contents of a dozen large Victorian houses have been spilt all over the pavement to be picked over by a junk-starved rabble. The word junk almost has a ring of pride about it. In Westbourne Grove, just off the Portobello Road, two young designers have started "Dodo," a shop for nothing but the ephemera of fifty years ago where a 1910 matchbox would be reckoned a good two dollars' worth.

Young designers, young restaurateurs, young entrepreneurs of every kind keep the interest shifting all the time in London. Every week another dingy old shopfront is transformed with the glitter and hopefulness of a new enterprise.

London has many villages: we have glanced at only a scattering. They are all so different from each other that the only way to learn them is one by one. Few Londoners ever have.

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Fortunately, the job of keeping a barbecue in good shape hardly needs to reach battle proportions. By using the new protective sprays and scrubbing tools plus heavy-duty aluminum foil and a few quick tricks, you can make the job easy enough. And the rewards are many. For maintaining a barbecue properly not only keeps up appearances, but also provides better cooking conditions and extends the useful life of your equipment, whether it is a fully equipped charcoal cooking center, a simple brazier, a small portable grill or that latest arrival on the outdoor scene, the gas barbecue.

The first line of defense

Before the fire is even lighted, you can take a few simple steps to minimize the post-barbecue clean-up task, and thus keep the emphasis where it belongs—on the delights of outdoor cooking. If your charcoal barbecue has a hood, warming shelf, metal storage shelf, etc., give them a protective coating, which will make it possible to wipe away most grease spatters with a soapy sponge. Remove the grid, hold the spray can close to the metal surfaces and spray lightly. Then use a paper towel to spread the coating evenly.

If you prefer to keep spatters completely away from the inside of a hood and at the same time provide better heat reflection, line it with a layer of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Attach this with Scotch tape and punch holes in the foil to match those in the hood.

Now for the firebowl

Tossing load after load of charcoal into an unprotected firebowl, cookout after cookout, will eventually lead to trouble. Grease will accumulate on the metal, ashes will pile up and sooner or later somebody will have to scoop them out—a dusty job. Eventually, the firebowl may burn out.

In one swoop you can ward off all these woes. Simply line the firebowl with a layer of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Then add a layer of vermiculite (or sand or pea gravel). The latter absorbs grease, helps create a good draft for the fire and holds the briquettes where you want them.

Just before you start cooking, use tongs to arrange the hot briquettes so there is a little space around each. Since the fat that drips down in between the coals will not flame up, this precaution will cut down on excessive spattering and charring.

If you are using a rotisserie, place a foil tray on the grid, locating it slightly in front of the spit where it will catch drips. Save foil pans from frozen foods for this, or fashion your own trays with heavy-duty foil.

Once in a while, when the foil and vermiculite become untidy, you will probably want to start over with fresh. No need to scoop out everything. Just gather up the works in the foil lining, tighten it into a neat package and drop the whole thing into the waste can.

That greasy grid stuff

To simplify cleaning the grid itself, apply cooking oil before starting to barbecue so food will not stick tenaciously. Then, as soon as possible after the cooking is finished, don asbestos mitts and remove the grid from the heat. This quick action will save you considerable work later because it deprives the hot coals of the chance to bake grease onto the grid. (Incidentally, with the grid out of the way, you can draw the foil over the coals to smother them, a trick that not only saves the unused parts of the briquettes for another cookout, but also cuts down on the total accumulation of ashes.)

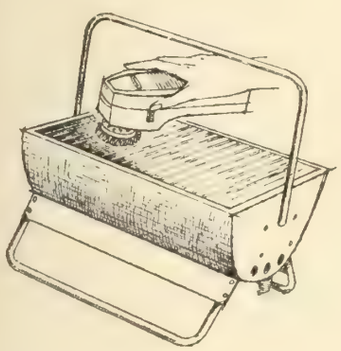
If the grid is small enough to fit into a service sink, all the better. Plunge it immediately into hot water and detergent and forget it until you get around to cleaning up (that could be hours later). If you cannot dunk grid into a sink, rub rods with a large damp cloth and at the same time

give a quick rubdown to any other spattered metal surface.

For woebegone barbecues

If your barbecue has already had a good deal of use and is beginning to look grimy, you can freshen it up with the help of new scrubbing tools and heat-resistant spray enamel.

Among the tools for removing baked-on grease and soot is a battery-operated portable scrubber. About the size of a flashlight, it comes with nylon scouring pads and four other snap-on attachments, including a brass wire brush to cut through baked-in foods. Another heavy-duty tool, one that relies on human power, has a scraper of heavy airplane aluminum and a pad of copper mesh at the working end. You can get a firm grip on this tool and



Battery-operated scrubber has six snap-on attachments: a nylon brush, brass wire brush, two sponge pads and two scouring pads. By Empire.

scrub away without endangering your hands because it has an 8-inch handle. The pad is replaceable.

After the metal has been thoroughly cleaned, you can spray it with heat-resistant enamel in either aluminum or black. This product, which comes now in aerosol cans and dries overnight, can make even a neglected barbecue look eminently presentable again. An annual application might well be a routine item on your spring clean-up agenda.

Cover-up jobs

In addition to grease, barbecues are also vulnerable to rust, dust and dirt brought on, respectively, by rain, wind, birds, wild animals and/or cats that come in the night. If possible, shelter a portable barbecue in a garage or breezeway between cookouts. If the equipment must stay outdoors, protect it with a sturdy cover. Some plastic covers are made to fit snugly over the bowl part of the brazier; others encase the whole works right down to the wheels. The newest come in bright stripes and polka dots, in keeping with the levity of life on a patio.

The new gas grills

Home economists will tell you that gas grills and charcoal barbecues have certain points in common: the grids of both should be removed immediately after use for cleaning; the grill compartments may be lined with foil for protection from grease (provided you punch holes in the foil as outlined above); and the grills should be covered when not in use. But there the similarity ends.

In gas grills with the heat source above the grid, the burner is virtually self-cleaning because the intense infra-red heat burns off most food particles. In gas grills with ceramic briquettes heated by gas flames below the grid, about 90 per cent of the drippings are burned away during cooking and the rest can easily be dispensed with afterwards. As soon as the grid has cooled off, partially close the grill and turn the valve to the "high" position. The briquettes will burn themselves clean in about ten minutes. Occasionally, when the briquettes become dark from an accumulation of drippings, you might try this: After they are cool, turn them over so that the accumulation will burn off the next time the grill is used.

Some gas grills are made largely of cast iron; others of porcelain enameled steel, stainless steel, aluminum or a variety of different materials. Each requires specific care. In any case, you can cut down on wholesale cleaning by spot cleaning after each use. On most materials, try detergent and hot water first (but never allow aluminum to soak; wash, rinse and dry it quickly). If necessary for stubborn areas, use stronger cleaners—cautiously: an ammonia solution on stainless steel; an oven cleaner or ammonia solution on chrome; an oven cleaner on porcelain enamel.



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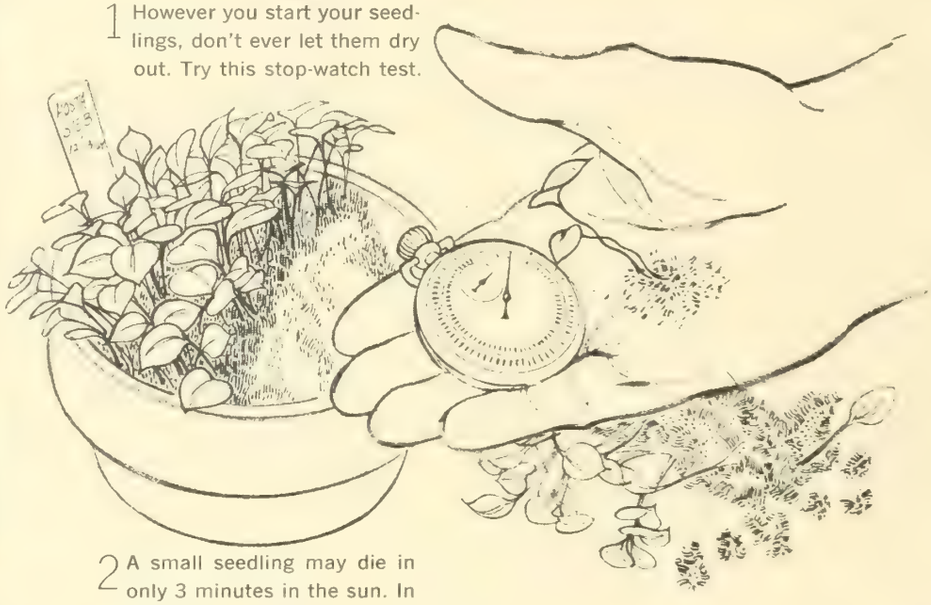
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One of the marks of a good gardener is the ability to grow fine plants from seeds. All that some seeds require is to be let alone; other seeds defy even the most accomplished techniques. But the great majority of garden plants that can be reproduced from seed at all are subject to the same simple but reasonable kind of rules that govern, say, the making of an acceptable omelette. Besides the eggs, you need the right kind of equipment, plus a little careful attention to the technique of omelette-making.

With most seeds of the quick, conventional seed-packet annuals, as well as seeds of slow-growing and stubborn plants that are usually left in the hands of the professional, all that is required is an appropriate seed medium, properly maintained during the time the seed has use for it, followed by brisk and timely treatment of the seeds. Give them a place where they can have air, warmth and moisture until they can put roots down and break out a leaf or two on top and that is all they will need to get the best start they are capable of. After that, the *way* you do what you do becomes as important as *what* you do.

With many seedlings—certainly with all except the simplest of garden flowers—transplanting is an essential step in raising successful plants. This is not so much a natural requirement (almost no seedlings are transplanted in nature) as it is a gardener's requirement. Its basis is practical: There simply is not enough room to give to each seed when it is planted the amount of space it will require when mature.



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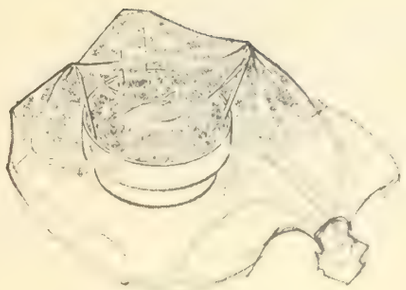
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More important than even this practical matter is that transplanting, properly carried out in the right way at the right time, usually results in a more satisfactory plant. (When you come right down to it, nature is more often than not a slipshod and undemanding gardener.)

If all plants were as easy to raise as zinnias, to pick one blameless flower, there would be no problem. But most plants are not. The seeds of many are hard to handle or slow to germinate or slow to grow or otherwise erratic and demanding. Some seeds require a winter's cold before they can respond properly to warmth. Some must dry out completely before they can be brought to life, while others will surely die unless they are prevented from drying out before planting. But across the board, most ripe and ready seeds can be planted, can be kept in a moist and stable airy medium for a week or a year or two years as required, then can make normal seedling growth for the gardener's hand. How?

There is one seed medium that will suffice for the germination of almost any seed the average gardener will want to grow—indoors or out—as long as it can be protected from exposure to the elements. That is chopped sphagnum moss. Two generations of seedsmen have proved the merits of this material, which can be bought at seed stores in cellophane bags (usually marked "milled sphagnum"). Moistening the sphagnum properly takes time if it is dry to begin with (overnight, or maybe longer), and thorough moistening, followed by draining of excess water, is vital. Keeping sphagnum moist was once a problem, but since polyethylene became generally available, drying is a problem no longer—provided the seed container is properly enclosed by this astonishing plastic that allows gases to pass through it but not water vapor. Commercial plantsmen cover enormous seedbeds with polyethylene. Backyard gardeners can as easily cover a summer seed-frame with it. Or they can place a single pot or group of pots in an ordinary freezer bag and get the same results—if the sphagnum is correctly moist at the outset, if the moisture is renewed when necessary and if the sphagnum, which is both light and insubstantial even when moist, is not disturbed by either the weather or by birds and insects.

As it comes from the bag, sphagnum is virtually sterile, which simply means that your weeding chores will be nil—unless or until you expose the moss to weed seeds. But its most (*Continued on next page*)



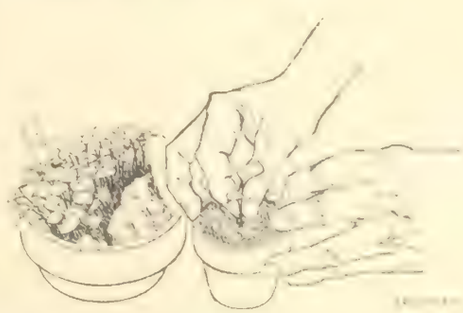
5 At night, or when air cools, condensation forms inside bag, which contracts, then balloons again when warm.



6 When seeds are ready to transplant (here, after two months), whole clump is spooned out, dumped down.



7 Seedlings are quickly but gently teased apart as needed. Movements made to separate them will do no harm.



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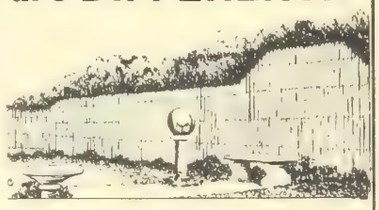
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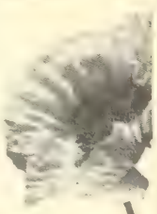
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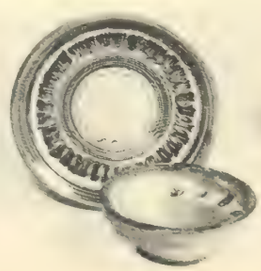
useful attribute, in the opinions of gardeners who have come to know and trust it under a variety of conditions, is that seedlings can remain in it, in good health, for weeks or even months without being transplanted. They may not grow, to be sure. But neither will they become spindly and weak as so often happens to seedlings left too long in other mediums. (If you wish to have them keep growing, you need only apply liquid plant food. But remember, in a small seedbed you seldom want them to grow beyond transplanting size.) To busy amateurs, this one virtue of sphagnum moss as a seed medium is often worth its weight in flower pots.

Most garden beginners either leave seedlings too long untransplanted or else, if they transplant the seedlings soon enough, mishandle them in the one way that above all others can kill the seedlings: by permitting the root to dry out during transplanting. (Drawings 1 and 2 on page 176 make the point simply but clearly.) The seed packets and the books all say a seedling should be transplanted after it has developed at least one pair of true leaves (as opposed to seed leaves, which are the first impermanent evidences of top growth). If it is to your convenience to transplant before true leaves have developed, feel free to do so. But make very sure that the tender roots are intact and that they do not—repeat, do not—dry out for an instant. Hold them in your closed hand, shade them with a paper bag or a teacup, even squeeze them if you must. *But don't tear the roots and don't let the roots dry.*

This is about all there is to seed-growing, barring the thousand and one fine points you will pick up as you go along. It is significant that the seedlings used as models for drawings on pages 176 and 177 were planted in moist milled sphagnum last December 13, their germination was virtually 100 per cent, the polyethylene bag was not opened nor moisture added before mid-February of this year when the first of them was transplanted. A number of them were not transplanted until the last week in March. Although none of them had yet developed true leaves (some perennial seedlings are notoriously slow to develop), all had remained perfectly healthy since germination.

All this does not alter the fact that the more you can learn about the plants your seeds are likely to produce the better off you will be. This is especially true of the less familiar biennial and perennial plants, including shrubs and trees, that you may have thought you had to buy already growing. (Horticultural varieties and hybrids, of course, you will still buy as growing plants since they usually cannot be raised "true" from seed.)

While I was feeling international the other day, I strolled into Cepelia, the charming Polish crafts



shop in New York (5 East 57th Street) and bought twelve folksy ceramic plates. Made of glazed terra cotta in earthy colors—ocher, grass greens, brown—they are in peasant patterns, no two alike. I also bought the matching soup bowls. They will be marvelous for outdoor parties this summer, and for teen-agers' supper parties any time. Then, while I was at it, I acquired some gay hand-blocked Polish linen kitchen towels. (I won't put the new ceramic ware in my dishwasher—I'd hate to see the hand-painted designs wear off.)

Another import I've admired lately is my niece's silver coffee service from Denmark. Jane's future mother-in-law bought it for her at H. Nils in N.Y., which has the most elegant things, especially silver. This coffee set was superbly crafted by the great Karl Gustav Hansen. The surprise of the rosewood handles on heavy silver



makes this set one any young hostess (and even a not-so-young hostess) would prize.

Notes for June Gardeners

In midsummer, the principal requirement is survival, for both the gardener and his plants



First weekend

Scuff-proof plants. The best way to give paving stones the lived-on look is to intersperse them with suitable plants. Mortar, even sand have an unready and lifeless look that no amount of weathering can really change. But a few lines of turf, a little weedy growth or, most happily of all, some suitable paving plants will convey an immediate air of venerable grace. The same general rules apply also to stone walls and stone steps, although to a less emphatic degree (which may be due to our unconscious acceptance of solid masonry for vertical structures because of its appearance of strength). To give paving plants a decent chance for survival, you must provide more than proper interstices between paving units. The interstices must be at least as stable as the stones (well drained, resistant to frost heaving) and supplied, at least in the areas where roots must run, with fairly fertile and friable earth. For even most weeds will quit in a short time if they are not in vigorous growth.

Once you have made adequate pockets of decent soil where you wish your plants to be, then you may pick your plants. The list of species and varieties that will grow in such places is long. The list of plants that will stand being trod on or bruised by an occasional step is considerably shorter. The list of those that will withstand steady foot traffic is so short as to be scarcely a list at all. Among these important super-durables, consider the following, all less than shoe-top height: Grass, which may be maintained or readily replaced in strips or tufts—including clumps of fescue. Bugleweed (ajuga) which can get pretty shabby in August when readily scuffed, but is hard to kill. Ground-ivy (*Hederacea*), which would be a weed anywhere else. The thymes (especially *Thymus serpyllum*), which are almost indestructible if grown in full sun and fertile soil. Creeping veronica, which is a pernicious weed in lawns, a blessing in a paving crack. Camomile, correctly *Anthemis nobilis*, which has been trod upon through the ages. And turfing daisy, which is less descriptively known as *Matricaria tchihatchewii*, another of the old reliables that endures hot, dry, impoverished soil.

All these will do well in steps—and Kenilworth-ivy too, if it is merely kicked, not trod on. In fact, most of the conventional wall plants will grow in pavements that are commonly out of the traffic patterns.



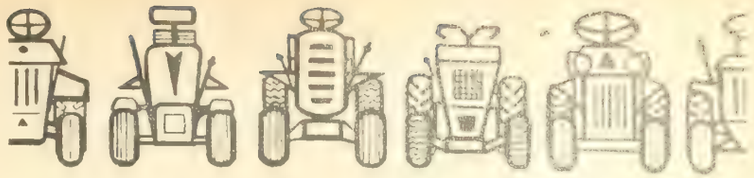
FROM POT FROM FLAT

Second weekend

Flat or potlet? There has been a lot of talk lately about the advantages of transplanting seedlings into small peat-pulp pots rather than wood flats as of yore. Advantages such as convenience (no need to remove pot when placing contents in garden), unchecked growth (supposedly when plants are divided from their crowded places to uncrowded ones), moisture retention (since the peat-pulp pots absorb and hold moisture), ease of handling (because individual pots are light, cheap and may be disposed of in one's and two's at varying times without harm to the plants).

A good deal of the miscellaneous experience of amateur gardeners—whose methods are notoriously personal, if not erratic—indicates, however, that peat-pulp pots may not be all they are cracked up to be. Of the possible mischances that may attend their use, perhaps the most serious is that roots often have great difficulty working their way into and through the pot walls, however moist, both before and after final planting. Even tearing off the limp potlet may not inspire the roots

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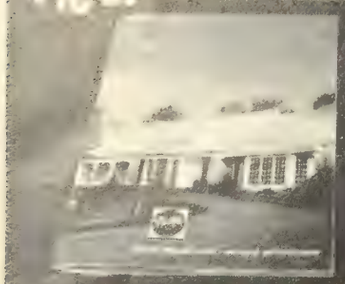


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to quick renewal of growth in their new position. And if the pots are not removed or completely buried, they will surely act as wicks to draw vital moisture from below and evaporate it into the air.

On balance, while there is good use for peat-pulp pots if their shortcomings are circumvented, there is still no substitute for the old-fashioned wooden flat, accompanied by the venerable process known as blocking-out when seedling plants are removed. This blocking-out is simply cutting the earth between the seedling plants with a substantial knife, as though the flat were a pan of fudge. Cleanly cut roots proliferate almost immediately when set in suitable new ground. And in the presence of adequate soil moisture, checking of growth due to transplanting is all but negligible. So while we are grateful for the potlets, don't take our flats away.

Reading notice: To the relatively short list of serviceable wildflower books (that is to say, books on native plants that are adapted to decorative use in cultivated gardens), Marjorie Johnson Dietz has added "The Concise Encyclopedia of Favorite Wildflowers" (Doubleday, $4.95). It is not only a good book, living cheerfully up to its long-winded name, but it is a good buy, too. Readers of the same author's two companion volumes on flowers and shrubs will know what to expect in the way of well-organized, neat and pleasant drawings. In this instance, Mrs. Dietz has included a few photographs, mostly to illustrate her own exercises in wildflower gardening to encourage the rest of us.



Third weekend

Lath not least. This heat-struck pun has relevance both to June and to transplants—as well as seedbeds, greenhouses and other vulnerable oddments. Except for summer-flowering plants, at least half the growing things in your garden smaller than a breadbox would do better for about 50 per cent less sun than they commonly get at this time. And that is more or less the percentage that a horizontal length of snow-fencing will permit to fall through it. Such a utilitarian fabrication of laths and iron wire may not be handsome enough for the roof of an ornamental greenhouse. But it is the least expensive material of its sort that you can buy (short of very coarse burlap), and it may be rolled, folded, stood up against the garage or simply tossed out at season's end—or when temporarily out of use.

It can also be laid in two layers, either crisscross, to reduce sunlight by 75 per cent (approximately), or parallel and alternating, so as to produce, for occasional periods, all but total exclusion of direct sun. And when inclined against a couple of plant stakes to the south of a newly set shrub, especially an evergreen, a slat screen can make all the difference between success and failure. You may have to hunt for snow-fencing nowadays, even in snow country. But there is always the mail-order catalogue as a feasible resort. A minimum economy length will serve for many years and even more purposes.

A good case can be made for the shade-producing effects of fiber glass and plastics substances, most of which will last indefinitely. But the major objection to their use except in special instances is the fact that they are impervious to moisture. Not only will they prevent rain from falling on the ground beneath (a situation that careful use of a hose can correct), but they will prevent radiation from the ground on clear summer nights. And this is often of far greater importance in preserving wilted or parched plants during hot spells.



Fourth weekend

Elm salvation? There appears, at last, to be a stopper for the two bark beetles that are the insect carriers of the Dutch elm disease fungus. The new chemical insecticide, introduced by Shell Oil Company and proven by a number of major tree maintenance firms including the large Bartlett organization, is a deadly poison bearing the proprietary name of Bidrin. When properly injected into an elm trunk, it will serve as a systemic poison to both the larger and smaller elm bark beetles. The material has been sufficiently well tested to indicate that it is not only the most hopeful such insecticide yet developed, but that it is the only one promising to be of real effectiveness in halting the otherwise certain decline, perhaps ultimate disappearance, of the vanishing American elm.

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Book notes. To grow bromeliads (the pineapple kith and kin) long enough to succeed with them is the best way to know them. Assistance toward this desirable end is available from Jack Kramer's new little book, "Bromeliads" (Van Nostrand, $5.95). The book contains as much meat as most garden books twice its size, so the price is perhaps right. You still may not keep all your bromeliads neat all the time, but this book will help.

Elaine Cherry in "Fluorescent Light Gardening" (Van Nostrand, $6.95) has shed a good deal of further you-know-what on a rather off-beat form of gardening without by any means producing the definitive text on the subject. Her book is helpful principally for the straight reporting on what she and others have actually grown with the aid of fluorescents and how such light may be mounted and handled.

Mrs. Helen M. Fox, one of the great gardeners in the tradition of Ellen Wilmott, Gertrude Jekyll, Lester Rowntree, Mrs. Frances King and Louise Beebe Wilder, has given us a slight but sweet-scented memoir of some of her many long and happy days among plants in "Adventure in My Garden" (Crown, $4.95). There is almost as much satisfaction for the reader in sharing Mrs. Fox's joy in her years of gardening as there is in actual information. For the perceptive practitioner, there is much of both.

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Shop as carefully for servicing as you do for the appliance itself, perhaps sacrificing a feature you wanted for a service call you can get.

The final choice you make among the machines you favor may well rest on the service available in your community. Ask friends and neighbors how they fare. If you are new in town, you can get torrents of advice during the refreshment period of the local elementary school PTA meeting. I specify elementary school because the need for servicing is apt to be most acute among families with young children.

Unquestionably, shopping for service as well as for the equipment itself is time-consuming. But the hours you expend in advance are at least hours *you* can dictate.

If you are going to let a kitchen-design service "handle the whole thing" be sure to select one that is highly recommended, not by one customer, but several. Check in advance to find out exactly who is to install the equipment, who is to service it and who will continue to service it after the usual year's warranty on appliances ends. Then check *that* firm's batting average and inquire about *their* fees before proceeding.

If you plan to buy an appliance on your own, you must analyze your family's needs, know what size machine your house can accommodate and arrange to have your gas connections or your wiring capacity checked by an expert. (In many areas, a man from the public utility will do this and make recommendations.)

When you go shopping, allow time for reading those manuals tucked inside the machines on display. And read them carefully, because several appear to have been translated from the Chinese: The information you need first is in the back of the book. (I found these tips on last pages: "For satisfactory operation, this dryer must be located where it is not exposed to temperatures below 45°," and, under tests to make before calling a serviceman, "Check for weak floor"—both admonitions I would want to read *before* I bought.)

When your machine arrives, write down the model number before the appliance is installed and the number lost to view. Ask the men who install the machine to run it through its paces. And in the first few weeks, at least, try to curb your enthusiasm. Don't expect the *possible* all the time. Servicemen are human, machines aren't.

We find that adding a soupçon of resignation to our attitude also helps. I completely defrost the freezer section of our refrigerator monthly, although allegedly defrosting is needed only once or twice a year. The light behind the temperature indicator for our oven has failed, and because it is difficult to replace, I bake by ear (a click tells me when the right temperature has been reached). And I am only momentarily startled when our washer sounds as if it has trapped a riveter.

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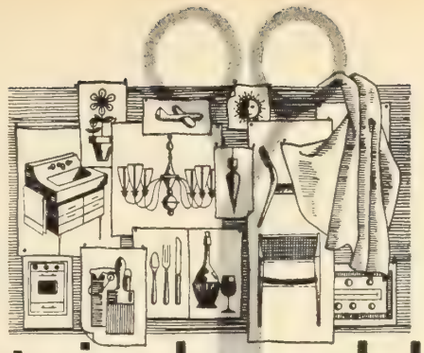
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becoming very hard to come by, collectors with champagne appetites must be prepared for Taittinger prices.

Finally, wherever you forage, try never to buy anything for sheer *oldness'* sake. There were just as many outlandish things made in the dim depths of the past as flourish today. They had no excuse for their existence then, nor have they any now.

Try, too, to be informed. Libraries are rich in books full of antiquity wisdom. To a lesser degree, so are paperback bookshops. Cultivate any antiquarian who will give you the time of day, and leave no museum or restoration untoured. A working knowledge of antiques is tantamount to a working knowledge of a Diesel engine or knowing how to make everything in a complicated cook book. The savvy is not acquired overnight.

Given a little know-how, you are blessed if you can shop in Paris and London, Florence and Venice. Prices are a bit lower, and if you come back by ship, you can tote anything heavy free of charge. But you still have to get to those nice places, and get home. Which is why it is a pleasure to remember the lady who bought a Tanagra figurine (the McCoy, and worth a good deal more than its weight in gold) for $1.50 at a church bazaar in Ohio. Everyone else thought it the product of a child's class in clay modeling. But our lady knew. She had never been to Greece, but she had read the right book.



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2. MEMORABLE DESIGNS in Early American upholstered furniture appear in full-color room settings in a handsome brochure by Clayton-Marcus. Traditional as well as Colonial designs are pictured. 25c.

3. THAT PROBLEM CORNER can become a delightful dining spot, a bright center of family activity as Dormalux points out in a brochure showing customized dining units in contemporary and traditional settings in full color.

4. LIGHT DECORATING TIPS are given in a 39-page booklet by the Ruby Co., specialists in reproductions of lamps and chandeliers from the original dies. Featured are colonial chandeliers, old street lights and classic oil lamps. 25c.

5. EASY-CARE FURNITURE by Molla is designed for porch, terrace, family room, dining area. A 23-page booklet pictures styles and distinctive features of this versatile furniture.

6. CARPET SHOPPER'S GUIDE features a handy Check Chart that sums up fiber performance and carpet prices. Also gives simple tests to check quality; explains 6 basic structures of carpet. By Heplon, Inc. 10c.

7. DECORATING WITH TOWELS is only one facet of a booklet by Dundee. It also gives buying information: 7 check points to determine quality, notes on weaves and constructions. Also has tips on towel care.

8. DECORATING BACKGROUND is provided in a booklet from Columbus Coated Fabrics that discusses selection of pattern, texture and color in vinyl wallcoverings. Also has sections on wall decoration, room arrangements, accessories, entryways. 25c.

BUILDING & REMODELING

9. A HOME LAUNDRY CENTER can save steps and work. An idea-filled booklet from Westinghouse shows how to utilize present floor space in a kitchen, bath or hobby room by arranging laundry appliances side-by-side or stacking vertically.

10. A BATH WITH STYLE—that's the theme of a booklet by Kohler that shows the wide range of colors and styles of plumbing fixtures available today. Bathrooms in such styles as French Provincial, Early American and contemporary are shown in full color and floor plans are given. 10c.

11. TIPS ON PROTECTION of masonry and concrete are covered in a booklet by Standard Dry Wall Products that describes the Thermo System—a line of products to give waterproofing, restorative, protective and corrective treatments.

ENTERTAINING

12. FOR ENTERTAINING WAYS to set your luncheon or dinner table read "Centura and the Good Life" by Ilka Chase. It focuses on the remarkable break-, chip- and crack-proof "Centura" dinnerware with an elegant air produced by Corning. Table-setting guide and guest log are included.

13. LOW-CAL SPONGE CAKE is only one of dozens of calorie-saving recipes in a booklet by Sucaryl. In addition to yummy desserts, there are recipes for beverages, salads and sauces—all with calorie count noted.

14. IT'S DAIQUIRI TIME! A new guide by Rums of Puerto Rico features recipes for easy-to-make drinks for the hot days ahead. Includes 8 variations of the daiquiri, party punches, exotic new rum drinks.

15. THE MAGIC INGREDIENT in Hagerty Tarnish Preventive is described in a leaflet that explains how to use this silver polish to keep your silver gleaming and tarnish-free.

TRAVEL

16. A HOLIDAY IN BRITAIN can include festivals, horse races, London theatres, pub-crawling, magnificent scenery, suggests a 31-page booklet by BEA. It features full-color pictures of what to see in England, Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands.

17. GO WALKING IN LONDON following four interesting routes mapped out in a 19-page booklet by the British Travel Assn. Includes ideas on what to see in and around London, location of museums and famous restaurants, plus maps.

18. YOUR TRIP TO IRELAND is all outlined in a travel pack of five booklets by the Irish Tourist Board covering what to see, where to stay for how much, what is doing in Ireland this year, tours you can take, plus a road map.

19. HAWAII—A WISH AWAY! A colorful 12-page folder by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau pictures the attractions of Hawaii's four major islands and shows why our 50th State offers the lure of a faraway place in a setting just hours away by plane.

GARDENING

20. SELECTING FRUIT TREES, both dwarf and espalier-trai[illegible] the subject [illegible] book by Henry [illegible] It lists varieties and prices, gives tips on planting and care. Includes section on grape vines, berry plants.

21. FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS can be easy and fun to do. A full-color booklet by Faneuil Publishing suggests supplies needed, gives the procedure for arranging artificial (or fresh) flowers in three classic shapes. 30c.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. SEE WHAT FUN FOIL IS in a 30-page booklet by Alcoa that shows how to make Melvin Mouse, a whole zoo, puppets and cone people out of foil. Many other ideas children will love, plus tips for Mother on making unique gifts. 10c.

23. PORCELAIN SCULPTURE bearing the Cybis imprimatur is for collectors who love the technique of early European masters. A 50-page booklet depicts the porcelain art being executed today by the Cybis Studio. Price list is included. $1.

24. MOST HOUSEHOLD TASKS require water and a guide for homemakers by Calgon tells how its Water Conditioner can prevent the washing film that decreases cleaning power. Features hints on many jobs, from the family laundry to baby's bath.

25. A HOME ENTERTAINMENT center can be planned with help from a full-color brochure by Electrohome that shows stereos, television sets (including color), phonographs and AM FM radios. Gives specifications and unique engineering features. 50c.

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given human, nyloned legs is not playful; it is a pun, in frightfully bad taste, and so are all the restaurants built like ships, wigwams, log cabins, milk bottles and leaning towers of pizza.

Playful design, like all good design, proceeds from order in a system. In architecture, that order must first appear in the system of spaces. How often today we are bored by interiors in which one after another room is monotonously circumscribed by a constant floor level, a constant ceiling height and a dull rhythm of lighting. The play of level against level, of space carved from form and of form inserted into space, all superbly struck by light, carries the playful genius of architecture, whether it is described in the eighteenth-century Carceri etchings of Piranesi or built in the twentieth-century Chandigarh of Le Corbusier.

Within such sequences of space, sculpture and furnishings and color bring gaiety. The sculpture may be extremely large, like the Spanish Steps in Rome, which have been likened to a minuet—or extremely small, like the witty reclining chair of Le Corbusier or the broad high-backed Windsor of the Danish Hans Wegner. The sculpture may be structural, like the vine and tendrils of Horta's iron and glass interiors in Brussels or the graceful ballerina columns Frank Lloyd Wright set into the Johnson Wax Company building at Racine. The sculpture may be bas-relief. Much of the pleasure of looking at the buildings of Louis Sullivan, not to forget Wright's Barnsdall House in Los Angeles, arises from our delight in seeing ornament richly developed, as in the flamboyant tracery of late Gothic windows. The sculpture may also carry colors, primary ones, like those of Alexander Calder's fluttering mobiles and comic stabiles, or the muted, pastel shades, loved by Louis Comfort Tiffany for his vases and lampshades of Favrile glass.

Ways of capturing the sunlight in oriels, turrets, skylights and bays have always provided moments for gaiety. So have the means for removing water from roofs, especially when architects eschew the ordinary and unimaginative method of draining water into a hidden sump and instead design a way for water to pour and splash, collect and pour again, making lively sounds as it falls. Ways of gaining air by capturing it in funnels on roofs, or by making wind spin a ventilator merrily, add delight to a roofline and create melodic sounds, as visitors to Boston's Back Bay know. Nantucketers delight in the red-clay "Owl's-eye" chimney pots that sit by the score on their gray-shingled houses. And, all these possibilities for gaiety at the roofline appear in Gaudi's lively Casa Mila in Barcelona, where the roof is a playground of stairs, chimneys, terraces, windows and twisted turrets.

All such moments of gaiety appear so only in context. They are puns in a way; more exactly, they are departures and contradictions in a system of order. The spaces, the structure, the masses must develop as a system, and the system must be large enough and orderly enough to establish the context for the witticism, whether it is a jocular break in a sober rhythm, a spot of vibrant color emerging from the gray, or a flamboyant flourish in a plain wall. Without the system, gaiety may not be felt at all, merely poor taste. Or, it may end as a bad joke, for architects make bad jokes every day, as in a library I know that pompously invites the reader to mount twenty-five imposing steps to reach the catalogue room only to force him to descend another twenty-five steps to reach the floor level of the stacks. No ornamental detail, however gay, can make that faulty journey seem playful.

Gaiety is the mark of a full and healthy spirit. I am persuaded it is worth achieving, especially now. It is one of the personal moods I miss most as I walk about the English buildings of the architects who call themselves "New Brutalist." It is gaiety I miss wherever the Victorian houses of a Wilson Eyre or a Bruce Price are demolished to make way for urban renewal.

Others miss it, too. I suppose that is why my 11-year-old twin daughters stopped in the middle of practicing "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" the other evening to ask whether, during my forthcoming trip to Los Angeles, I would please call upon Walt Disney and tell him that "all of us here in Rhode Island want him to start work immediately on 'Mary Poppins Comes Back.' You will tell him, won't you?"

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